

EXPOSED: Coughlinites Plan Pro-Fascist Rally Tomorrow



EDWARD LODGE CURRAN

word around the Curran meeting will be the "real stuff," with "no Jews allowed." Not an "American Day" celebration, but a "Christian American Day" rally.

Councilman Peter V. Cacchione, Brooklyn
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By HARRY RAYMOND
Brooklyn Coughlinites and other friends of the Axis plan to distort "I Am An American Day" to exploit their own special pro-fascist doctrines, it was learned by the Daily Worker yesterday.

They have spurned proclamations of President Roosevelt and Mayor LaGuardia for a united all-out war demonstration of the people on the Mall of

Central Park on Sunday afternoon and are promoting their own "American Day" rally at Columbus Club, 1 Prospect Ave.

At the International Catholic Truth Society, local Coughlinite and Christian Front center, where tickets are on sale for the rally at 50 cents each, it was stated Edward Lodge Curran will head the list of speakers and is scheduled to talk in defense

of Charles Coughlin.

Investigation revealed the program for the fake "American Day" meeting is being arranged by John Henihan, co-worker of Bernard T. D'Arcy, official distributor of the Coughlin magazine "Social Justice" before it was banned from the mails by the government as seditious literature.

Christian Fronters in Brooklyn are passing the

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TIMOSHENKO DRIVES AHEAD

NAZIS SUFFER BIG DEFEAT AT KHARKOV

U.S. Troops Pouring Into Many Fronts, Lend-Lease Aid to Allies Mounts, FDR Says

U.S. War Leaders Talk of Victory This Year

Let's Have a Second Front

AN EDITORIAL

A press report from Washington yesterday contained one of the most heartening bits of news of the war. According to the report, which appeared in the New York Herald Tribune:

"America's war leaders have decided to make immediate and drastic changes in the emphasis on various phases of the mighty production program . . . THREE MAJOR CHANGES ARE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN DECREED ON THE THEORY THAT VICTORY MAY BE ACHIEVED WITHIN SIX MONTHS OR A YEAR . . ."

That's the news the American people want to hear. Our soldiers of production and of the trenches, and the whole population are ready to go all out to make VICTORY THIS YEAR POSSIBLE.

Is it possible to have victory this year? The answer is yes.

Hitler has started his spring offensive with the drive on Kerch, and that drive is dangerous to all the United Nations.

But something else is happening on the Soviet Front. The valiant Red Army is further developing its own offensive aimed at Kharkov. On almost the whole front the Red Army still maintains the initiative. It is driving the Nazis back and exterminating them on the Moscow and Leningrad sectors. The Red Army is developing new strength while the Nazis are getting weaker.

While the Nazis are still dangerously strong, the Red Army has made them ripe for the kill. That kill can be accomplished this year, especially if there's common fighting action with the Red Army by Britain and America—if there is a SECOND FRONT WITHOUT DELAY.

Our Soviet ally needs something more than sympathy and platonic good wishes, as important as such are. The Soviet fighters need tanks and planes and munitions and other concrete aid in the form of Russian War Relief. Look to what good use the Red Army is making of American Tomahawk planes and American tanks at Kharkov. And the Second Front is needed not alone to assist the Soviet Union in crushing Hitler—but in smashing the most powerful and dangerous enemy our nation has ever had.

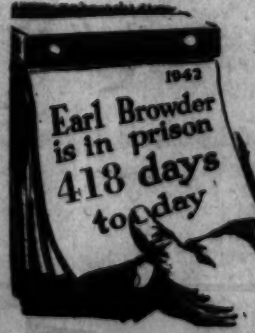
The Second Front is the single most important political issue before the American people. The whole future of our country is bound up with it. It is not a question that can just be left to the "military experts," many of whom have been consistently wrong ever since the war began. This is the issue where the whole American people—and Labor above all—must be heard. For it is their fate which is being decided on the Soviet Front.

Billings Issues New Appeal for Browder

Warren K. Billings, national chairman of the Citizens' Committee to Free Earl Browder, yesterday said the Free Browder Week of May 17-23 must be made a "week of liberty, justice and victory, a challenge to all the evil forces of fascism working to destroy our Bill of Rights, our independence, our freedom."

Earl Browder's 51st birthday, May 16, and his second birthday behind prison bars, will witness a demonstration in Madison Square Garden.

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Air Services to Be Curtailed for War Needs

WASHINGTON, May 15 (UP).—Use of America's armed might against the Axis is spreading steadily over many world fronts and there has been a sharp increase in the flow of lend-lease weapons to the Allied powers. President Roosevelt announced today.

He said at his press conference that this nation's fighting men are entering new theatres of war all of the time. He did not identify these fronts, but it is known that American troops are in Australia in large numbers, in Northern Ireland and some have been reported unofficially to be in the Middle East.

He said in this connection that this country needs all the planes it can get, especially those of the transport variety and types which he described as one and two-man puddle jumpers.

TO CURTAIL AIR SERVICE
Because of this need, he said, air mail service may have to be curtailed. Acting on his orders, the War Department is preparing to press approximately half of all commercial airplanes into military service.

The people, he said, will understand.

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Hershey Sees 10 Million in Army in 1943

Selective Service Chief Addresses Montreal Canadian Club

MONTREAL, May 15 (UP).—The United States may have 10,000,000 men under arms next year, Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Director of Selective Service in the U. S., said today in an interview.

"By late 1943 or early 1944, it is not too far off to think that there will be 10,000,000 men in all the United States armed forces," Gen. Hershey said. He was in Montreal to address the Canadian Club.

Earlier this week at Detroit Hershey said that the Army eventually may be increased to 8,000,000 or 8,000,000 men.

Hershey said the Selective Service system was working "excellently." "If we need 20,000 men in a month, we get them," he said. "And if we need 250,000 in a month, as we did on one occasion, we get them."

Hershey said that he was "satisfied and surprised by the speed and volume of production of war equipment in the United States." He had just visited a tank plant in Detroit and was "amazed" by what he saw coming off the assembly lines, he said.



Size Up War War Production Job: Stimulus to Packard workers is this graphic way of portraying the war production job just done and projecting the increased goal ahead. Scoreboard posters like this, placed in strategic plant locations, are included in the Work to Win program launched by 20,000 members of Packard Local 190, United Auto Workers-CIO.

Labor Fights Fish In His Own District

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., May 15.—Labor of this city is squarely on record against the re-election of apaiser Congressman Ham Fish of this district.

The Middletown Trade Union Council, representing 1,500 AFL and CIO workers has adopted a strong resolution urging

that Fish "be soundly defeated by the voters at the polls." The resolution called attention to the evidence produced in court during the trial of George Sylvester Viereck which proved "that Nazi agent Viereck used Fish's secretary to get insertions in the (Congressional Record); to get low-cost printing; to get hundreds of thousands of pieces of mail distributed free."

The labor resolution follows in the wake of wide activity by various groups to get insertions in the (Congressional Record).

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Tour of Coal Fields How Lewis Blocks W. Va. War Effort

By George Morris

(Daily Worker Staff Correspondent)

FAIRMONT, West. Va., May 15.—The little town of Barrackville, two miles out of here, built around a large Bethlehem Steel coal mine, may just as well be any of the country's hundreds of coal towns.

Along roads that spiral upward from the deep valley where the mine works are located, are its grey clapboard shacks. It has the typical company store, a couple of beer gardens and the union hall. Its life is as dry as coal dust. Fortunately for the Barrackville folks they are only two miles out of Fairmont. It furnishes them an escape to a picture show or a few other recreational facilities.

There is something else in Fairmont today that furnishes a picture that is typical of a majority of the mining towns: its part in the war. From what I have observed in a tour through at least a dozen mining towns, and inter-

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American Day Celebration to Honor Heroes

Lt. Bulkeley and Crew, Joe Louis to Attend Central Park Fete

Three great American heroes, Lieut. John D. Bulkeley, Lieut. Robert Bolling Kelley, and Ensign A. B. Akers, will be acclaimed by a million New Yorkers at this city's great "I Am An American Day" celebration in the Central Park Mall tomorrow afternoon, Mayor F. H. La Guardia announced yesterday.

Private Joe Louis, world's heavyweight champion, whose unselfish contributions to the welfare of the armed forces have endeared him to the American public, will come from Army camp to be among the guests of honor at this spectacular demonstration of this city's citizenship and patriotism.

Lieut. Bulkeley, 30, a native of Queens, graduated from Annapolis in 1933. The outbreak of the war found him in the Philippine Islands. His first great exploit, while in the command of a "PT" boat, the United States torpedo boat, was to sink a 5,000-ton Japanese ship in Subic Bay on the west coast of Luzon Island. As commander of a torpedo squadron in the Philippines, he was at the wheel of the leading patrol boat which took General MacArthur and his party from besieged Batavia to Australia under the noses of the blockading Japanese fleet. He is a holder of the Distinguished Service Cross.

Lieut. Kelley, also a resident of this city, will be 29 years old on June 9 and is unmarried. Also an Annapolis graduate, he shared honors with Lieut. Bulkeley in the sinkings of enemy ships near Cebu Island and in the daring break through the Japanese blockade

Kerch Fight Still Rages; Leningrad on Offensive

DRIVE AT AZOV

MOSCOW, Saturday, May 16 (UP).—Red Army shock troops and mechanized forces are storming ever closer to Kharkov in a mammoth offensive which has knocked out 250 German tanks, destroyed 40 planes and captured 255 cannon in three days, the Soviet High Command announced today.

Semi-official dispatches amplifying a late communiqué said the Germans had suffered a "heavy defeat" at the approaches to Kharkov and were falling back in disorderly retreat, leaving hundreds of their dead on the battlefield.

"Our troops waged offensive last night in the direction of Kharkov and are continuing their advance," the communiqué covering Friday's operations said.

Marshal Semyon Timoshenko's bid to blast the Germans out of their main Ukrainian base vital to any "spring offensive" toward the Caucasus was reported unofficially to have carried several miles across the Donets River, which meanders on a ragged arc a score of miles from Kharkov.

Early this morning, Radio Moscow said that Soviet troops had captured a strongly-fortified village on the western front which was an "important point of resistance." It said the sector was defended by the 75th German Infantry Division whose commander, Maj. Gen. Voelker, had described it as impregnable. The radio did not indicate where the village was but it was presumably in the Kharkov area.

Once again the High Command left obscure the situation on the Kerch Peninsula, where it said "our troops continued stubborn fighting against superior enemy forces."

Twenty-five German planes were destroyed Thursday on the whole front and the Red Air Force lost 11, the communiqué said. Soviet warships sank an enemy transport and two patrol boats in the Barents Sea above the Arctic Circle.

"On other fronts there was nothing of significance," the official statement concluded.

SEVASTOPOL ATTACKS
In the Crimea, where the Soviet High Command said heavy fighting continued on the Kerch Peninsula, the Sevastopol garrison was said to have undertaken a diversion by making several attacks on the Axis lines.

The Germans were reported throwing reserves straight from the march into the Kharkov battle in desperate efforts to stem the steady advance by the Soviet shock troops.

"Last night stubborn battles continued on the Kerch Peninsula," the noon communiqué of the Soviet High Command said in the only new reference to hostilities in the Eastern Crimea.

Soviet dispatches said 30 German tanks were knocked out in the mechanized battle which cleared the way across the unidentified water barrier and deep into the German positions. "Large numbers" of tanks were involved on both sides.

A powerful Red Army thrust split the enemy concentration wide open, Soviet infantry poured in to consolidate the breach, and a German counter-attack with air support was repulsed.

(The British Radio quoted Moscow reports that the offensive had carried Soviet troops across the Donets River and "seven miles west

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Madison Square Garden Rally Wednesday to Mark Browder's Birthday

U.S. PLANES GO INTO ACTION TO AID CHINA

Pound Japanese Base in Burma from India

ENEMY GAINS

NEW DELHI, May 15 (UP).—American bombers, striking out of lofty northern India, have blasted the Japanese airport of Myitkyina in northeast Burma again in an attempt to relieve Chinese troops falling back from the ancient trading post of Tengchung, 130 miles inside China by the Burma Road, it was revealed tonight.

Runways, buildings and grounded planes were demolished by the United States India-based bombers, which still have not lost a plane in battle.

Meanwhile, the Chinese plight grew increasingly desperate as the invaders from Burma took the 800-year-old Yunnan Province town of Tengchung and sprang a new offensive west of Bhamo, 75 miles south of Myitkyina, to consolidate their Burma conquest.

The only bright note from the whole Burma theater of ground operations came in a British announcement that Imperial forces had executed a "great military feat" in extricating themselves from a precarious salient during their withdrawal up the Chindwin valley of western Burma toward India.

A communiqué from Maj.-Gen. Lewis H. Brereton's U. S. Air Force Headquarters in India said that in the second raid of the week on Myitkyina all planes returned safely, despite enemy resistance and the fact the American bombers had to fly at tremendous altitudes to clear the first ranges of the Himalaya Mountains, the "roof of the world."

A Chinese communiqué said the Japanese occupied Tengchung Monday but that severe fighting still raged near the ancient terminal for mule-pack caravans from Bhamo. The Chinese were reported still holding a column at Hungmushu, southeast of Tengchung on the course of the old Burma Road before it was rerouted to effect a junction with the trail from Bhamo.

Turning their spearhead at Bhamo to the west, the Japanese have crossed the Irrawaddy River near Katha and pushed on to Ktil on the narrow-gauge railway running from Mandalay to Myitkyina for a total gain of 70 miles, the communiqué said. This operation was apparently designed to cut off units of U. S. Lieut.-Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's Chinese army who were reported still offering bitter resistance in northern Burma.

There was no news of a Japanese spearhead which last night was reported to have by-passed Tengchung and dashed 40 miles beyond to the towering west bank of the Salween River gorge.

Italians Ordered To Boost Food for Hitler
(By United Press)

Italy's hungry masses were informed today that they must increase their contribution to the "insatiable maw of Adolf Hitler's war machine."

Marquis Paolo Thaon Di Revel, Italian Finance Minister, announced that drastic new taxes and curtailment of all non-war expenditures were necessary.

First, \$250,000,000 (5,000,000,000 Lire) will be raised through new taxes, drawn from the people's savings. Next the entire income tax system is to be altered—upward.

Middle class people will be "permitted" to "invest their money for the purchase of merchandise to be delivered after the war."

Why Burma Fell—Eye Witness Tells Story
Failure to Win People and Call Chinese in Time Sealed Fate

By Darrell Berrigan
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, India, May 15.—The fate of Burma was decided before the Japanese invaded it last December.

India faces the same problems today. It may be given a respite because the monsoon rains are already drenching invasion routes.

But the Japanese are marking time on the door step of India, the only remaining base at which the Allies can build up sufficient strength to begin a land offensive in Asia, and it is up to India to hold until that strength has been developed.

It is possible for me now to tell the story of Burma as I saw it week by tragic week.

BURMA ASLEEP
The Japanese found Burma lulled to sleep. It was separated from Thailand, where the Japanese concentrated by high mountains and "trackless" jungles. Even while the Japanese were driving through the "trackless" jungles, even while the platoon continued.

The Japanese found trails and poured through them, foot and on elephants, behind Burmese and Thai guides, avoiding the roads where the Imperial forces awaited them. They penetrated behind the Imperial positions and formed road blocks which cost the defenders

Fire Guts Berlin War Plant After Workers Strike

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, May 15.—Fire recently destroyed several departments in a large plant manufacturing war materials near Berlin, it was learned here today.

The fire occurred several days after foreign workers employed at the plant had gone on strike in protest against bad food which caused several cases of poisoning.

Demands of the foreign workers to be sent home were countered by mass arrests by Nazi police and Storm Troop detachments. The fire followed.

Paris Patriots Issue False Air Raid Alert

Europe Capitals Show Higher Death Rate; Unrest in Italy

VICHY, May 15 (UP).—French patriots, in another act of sabotage, started air raid sirens going in Paris Wednesday night, sending Parisians scurrying to shelters and halting all traffic, it was revealed today.

The all-clear came after German occupation authorities ascertained that no enemy planes were in the vicinity.

Death Rate in Capitals of Europe Increase

VICHY, May 15 (UP).—The death rate in all European capitals has increased since the war, especially among children and elderly persons, statistics published at a public health exposition in Paris showed today.

Food shortages, combined with faulty distribution of vitamins and lack of coal and medicine, was blamed for the increase in such diseases as heart trouble, tuberculosis and diabetes.

Budapest and Paris had the highest mortality rates, 10 and seven and a half per cent respectively. Oslo and Amsterdam with a rate of three per cent were the lowest. The Berlin rate was six per cent and London's was six and a half per cent.

Italians Eager To Get Out of War

LONDON, May 15 (UP).—Italians believe that "to win the war Italy first must lose it," Sergeant Cecil Cross, former U. S. Air Corps attaché at Rome, said today while awaiting repatriation with a group of American nationals to be exchanged for Axis internees in the United States.

"Italians look for the war to end next December," he said, "and they will like Americans more than ever. The Italian people think that to win the war Italy first must lose it."

Cross was among 75 persons in the third group of diplomats to arrive from Rome for the exchange. The last group is expected Saturday, and will include American diplomats and newspaper correspondents and Brazilian diplomats.

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48 Japanese Planes Raid Port Moresby

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MELBOURNE, May 15 (UP).—Port Moresby, only allied wedge in the 1,700-mile invasion arc above Australia, was the target of mass attacks by 48 Japanese planes Thursday.

Obviously reinforced at their bases Lae and Salamaua, 175 miles to the north, Japanese planes struck twice at Port Moresby Thursday, first with 15 fighters which strafed the airbase, and then with 33 bombers escorted by nine fighters which attacked shipping in the harbor. Two raiders were shot down over the airbase and the others were dispersed before they had done any serious damage. Anti-aircraft kept the harbor raiders so high they missed their targets, but the size and persistence of the attacks caused military observers to believe that a full scale battle for the Allied base was imminent.

While successfully defending Port Moresby, Allied fliers got in two blows of their own Thursday and the day's score was 10 Japanese planes destroyed and a transport damaged. No Allied planes were lost.

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Night and Day a crew mans this gun, pointing out to sea from a post somewhere in the Hawaiian Islands. American troops there are ready for another assault by the Japanese if the enemy decides to turn in that direction after defeating the defenders of the Philippines.

Coral Sea Battle New War Stage—Red Star

Soviet Expert Analyzes Effect of Naval Fight; Sees Tokio Drive Stymied

By Captain E. N. Sobolyev

(Naval Commentator for the Newspaper Red Star)

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, May 15.—The battle of the Coral Sea marks the first attempt of the Japanese to extend their offensive southward in the Pacific since the initial phase of the Japanese advance overran Singapore and the Dutch Indies.

The immediate consequence of the sea battle has been the weakening of Japanese naval forces and the fact that the Allies have gained valuable information as to the nature of the Japanese fleet and the intended direction of their movement.

To see the battle of the Coral Sea in its proper perspective it is necessary to review the preceding Japanese offensive briefly.

After the fall of Singapore and the capture of the Dutch Indies, Japan developed operations in two main directions: Burma-India and New Guinea-Australia. The Coral Sea battle is the latest important development in the latter direction.

TOKIO'S FORCES STRAINED
In the beginning of their offensive operations conditions favored the Japanese. But between the occupation of the Dutch Indies and the Coral Sea the Japanese had taken no decisive steps to follow up their advantage, due mainly to the necessity of concentrating their scattered naval and land forces. Preceding operations had placed a considerable strain on Japanese naval power and time was needed to restore them to offensive strength.

The forces involved on both sides were large. The Allies used their air advantage to the utmost. The fighting was exceptionally stubborn and violent.

After the main forces of both sides had clashed the Japanese had to face the fact that the battle was taking an unfavorable turn for them. They were obliged to turn north and withdraw from the area of Allied operations.

The results of this naval engagement will undoubtedly affect the whole course of the war in the Pacific. The ultimate effect of the battle does not lie in which side suffered the greatest casualties and losses. Its effect may be judged by this factor: The Japanese sought to invade the Coral Sea, bordering Australia and cutting across Allied supply lines. In this attempt they failed. On the other hand the Allies sought to prevent a Japanese naval invasion of this area and in this objective they were successful.

Italian Planes Join Malta Raid, 5 Are Destroyed

VALLETTA, Malta, May 15 (UP).—Italian fighter planes joined the Axis air war on Malta today, escorting the bombers flying in from Sicilian bases. By 6 P. M. the day's bag of raiders had reached five planes destroyed, one probably destroyed and five damaged.

Royal Air Force fighters shot down four Junkers 88's and three Messerschmitt 109's yesterday morning, and anti-aircraft gunners got another Junkers 88.

One British plane was lost. Altogether 11 raiders were destroyed and 10 damaged yesterday. Of a flight of nine heavily escorted bombers, six were destroyed and one badly damaged.

Nazi Suffer Big Defeat in Kharkov Battle

Kerch Fighting Rages; Leningrad, Azov Drive Opened

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In the direction of the city of Kharkov itself.

While the Kharkov battle raged, the Soviets reported developing Red Army offensives in at least two other main sectors of the 1,500-mile battle line between Leningrad and the Sea of Azov. On the Kalinin Front northwest of Moscow the Soviets had been attacking consistently for several days, the army newspaper Red Star reported, while offensive operations in several areas of the Leningrad Front gained new ground.

FOIL NAZI RUSE
The Red Army reported that in one sector of the Kharkov Front the Germans tried a ruse, falling back suddenly and permitting the Red Army to move unopposed into a sharp salient. But Soviet air scouts revealed that German troops were massed on both flanks, obviously intending to swamp the salient from the sides. While still advancing in the center, the Red Army men lashed out at both flanks, routed the Germans, and took many prisoners.

The High Command said Soviet troops advancing on Kharkov "continued offensive battles." One unit annihilated more than 1,500 German officers and men and captured 150 prisoners, it said, and another wiped out 250, captured eight German guns, one radio transmitter and other booty.

Red Star said the Red Army held the initiative on the entire Kalinin Front except for one sector in which the Germans had been counter-attacking unsuccessfully. In that area above the Central Front hostilities have grown in both intensity and scale, the newspaper said, with a series of vital positions falling to the Red Army.

Below Leningrad the Red Army plugged tenaciously at the German lines, the Soviet radio said, beating off counter-attacks and overcoming stubborn German resistance.

The Communist Party newspaper Pravda reported that in the Smolensk area of the Central Front the Germans attacked at dawn under a curtain of artillery fire and with air support in an attempt to seize a vital highway. The initial pressure rolled the Red Army back one-third of a mile, but a counter-attack when reinforcements moved up recovered the position.

British Patrol Inflicts Losses on foe in Libya

CAIRO, May 15 (UP).—British desert patrols engaged an enemy outpost in the northern sector of the Libyan Front and inflicted casualties, Army headquarters announced today.

There was brisk patrol activity along the remainder of the front, but no details were given. It was believed the fight between the patrol and the enemy post detachment probably occurred in the vicinity of El Gazala.



(AS OF MAY 14th)

Marshal Timoshenko's offensive in the Kharkov sector is developing and in spots seems to have reached the German second line. However, this sector is one of the kingpins of the German line and defense in depth must have been carried here to the extreme. Therefore, it is to be expected that the difficulties of the attacking troops will hardly decrease as they penetrate deeper, but that they will increase. The land is studded with innumerable mines and woven solid with barbed wire, not to speak of thousands of firing points, redoubts and block-houses. The line is very deep and a real breakthrough, i.e., an emergence of the attacker into the open cannot be expected for some time. The same applies to the Leningrad sector of the front where the Red Army also seems to have reached the German second line of defense.

The fighting on the Kerch Peninsula continues to develop in the enemy's favor, inasmuch as he is steadily worming his way eastward. However, developments have shown up the German High Command again as a bunch of liars. Now these gentlemen are in the awkward position of having to report successes over troops which, according to their statement four days ago, have "ceased to exist." In fact, the German advance is but a steady push with overwhelming technical means concentrated on a narrow front against extremely stubborn and effective resistance. A week has passed and the Germans have only shoved forward a few miles without cracking the opposing lines (they have advanced from the Arabat Tongue to Cape Kosantin, a distance of 16 miles; Kerch is still 17 miles away).

On the Burma Front the Japanese, having entered Yunnan from Burma along the Burma Road, are now reentering Burma from Yunnan further north (at Tachai) which seems again to indicate that they are striving to cut the Assam Road. Their main objective in this part of the world is to cut off China. They are now half way from Lachio to Sadiya (Assam Road terminal). They will hardly attempt to force a crossing of the Salween and Mekong Rivers because the banks opposing them are 5,000 feet high and the bridges have been blown up by the Chinese, thus a deeper penetration into Yunnan along the Burma Road is hardly probable.

There is absolutely nothing to report from the other fronts where no operations of any importance are being conducted.

The U. S. have pulled another Axis "tooth" by forcing the "neutralization" of the French warships in Martinique.

(Note to radio announcers: the name of the French aircraft carrier stationed at Martinique is pronounced "Bay-arn" with the accent on the second syllable, of course, not "Berne" as most of you pronounce it).

Rehabilitate Slav Towns Free of Nazis

National Liberation Committees Feed People in Areas Rid of Invaders

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

ISTANBUL, Turkey, May 15.—Committees of National Liberation in towns and villages of Yugoslavia which have been cleared of occupation forces are successfully coping with economic ruin and starvation left behind by invaders, it was reported in a recent broadcast by the "Free Yugoslavia" radio station.

"Despite extremely difficult conditions," the broadcast said, "the committees are successfully carrying out measures to improve the economic situation and public health in liberated regions."

The broadcast cited the example of the Poch region, where 3,000 free dinners are served daily to the impoverished population.

"Thanks to this timely help," the broadcast said, "the situation of the population which was dying from hunger during the Italian and Ustaai oppression is rapidly improving."

"The civil population," it was reported, "actively helps the Committees of National Liberation in alleviating the sufferings of those robbed and doomed to death by starvation by the occupiers. Special solicitude is shown for children."

Argentine Deputies Ask Vichy Act on Nazi Killings

BUENOS AIRES, May 15 (UP).—Twenty-four pro-democratic Radical Party Members of the Chamber of Deputies have petitioned the French Vichy Government to seek a halt to the execution of hostages in occupied France by the German authorities.

The petition was handed by Baron de La Tournelle, French Charge d'Affaires.

Examine Ortiz Today

BUENOS AIRES, May 15 (UP).—Dr. Ramon Castroviejo, noted New York eye specialist, will pay his first professional visit tomorrow to the ailing President Roberto M. Ortiz, it was reported today.

SIDESWIPE

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Didn't you know it's verboten to read the war news without wearing rose-colored glasses?

Hearst's 'Free Press' Means Freedom to Help Hitler

How does Hitler expect to sneak much of his defeatist propaganda into the United States?

Through the pro-fascist press, naturally. That will explain why the Hearst press is conducting a fierce fight against Archibald MacLeish and the Office of Facts and Figures.

MacLeish and the OFF have warned the country of the Fifteen Lies Hitler Wants Us to Believe.

These lies appear regularly in the Hearst Press, as well as in the N. Y. Daily News and the Chicago Tribune.

Coughlin's "Social Justice" peddled these

lies so shamelessly that the U. S. Government had to suppress the Coughlin sheet as a downright seditious menace to America's safety.

That is why, no doubt, the Hearst press yesterday joined with Norman Thomas in protesting the suppression of "Social Justice." Both Thomas and Hearst call this suppression of opinion "Post Office censorship."

Hearst and Norman Thomas are developing the propaganda that the suppression of free Axis propaganda is a violation of "free speech."

These defeatist intrigues are deliberately faking the issue.



Criticism exists in order to help win the war. The propaganda of the defeatists is aimed not at any laxity in measures held to crush Hitler, but at the very idea of winning at all. They are not exercising "free speech" when they subtly defend the Hitler regime and obstruct every measure needed to crush Hitler and the Axis forever.

Those who seek to balk the Government's

attacking on the Fifth Column and its Sixth Column assistants are not "critics" but enemies of the war effort itself.

Hearst and Norman Thomas and the Chicago Tribune, in demanding "free speech" for pro-fascist propaganda are defending their "right" to lead America to disaster.

America cannot tolerate the "right" of sabotage, disruption and treason.

Rally to Protest Negro Killing In Harlem

Powell to Speak, Will Ask Action Against Policemen

Councilman Adam Clayton Powell and other community leaders will address a citizens' protest rally at 5 P. M. tomorrow on the killing of Wallace Armstrong by a policeman last Monday evening.

The meeting will be held in the Golden Gate Ballroom, Lenox Ave. and 140th St. A number of witnesses to the killing will testify.

Wallace Armstrong, Negro, about 30 years old, of 186 W. 128th St. was shot to death by Patrolman Harold Reidman, 37, of the 126th St. Station following a fight in front of Armstrong's home.

Armstrong's home had telephoned for an ambulance to take the young man to Bellevue Hospital for observation. Patrolman Reidman, riding the ambulance when it arrived, attempted to put Armstrong aboard. A fight ensued. Breaking away, Armstrong walked toward Eighth Ave., followed by the patrolman. He was killed as he tried to rise to his feet after a police beating at the corner of 128th St. and Eighth Ave.

Councilman Powell announced yesterday that a protest march on City Hall is planned. Tomorrow's meeting is free.

Fireman's Aide Held on R.I. Forest Fires

PUTNAM, Conn., May 15 (UP).—Edward F. Lacasse, 30-year-old Plainfield volunteer fireman, was held in \$10,000 bond for Superior Court trial today on eight counts of arson in connection with disastrous forest fires last month along the returned from Kingston, R. I.

Lacasse was held on bench warrants issued by Superior Court Judge Ernest A. Inglis.

Lacasse may be imprisoned before Court officials said. Rhode Island State Police Sergeant Frank N. Kenny said Lacasse probably would be accused on about eight charges of arson in that state also, in connection with forest fires which caused more than \$3,000,000 damage.

Lacasse, a New Haven railroad foreman, was not required to plead today.



For Victory: Mixed Brigade: Increasing demand for a Negro and white (mixed) Brigade in the U.S. Army is being raised as a method of stimulating morale in and out of the armed forces. This photo shows World's Champ Joe Louis as he gives some lessons on the manly art to a group of Army men.

Students Urge Hunter Open Negro Courses

The introduction of Negro culture courses at Hunter College was urged yesterday by 200 students at the school's Little Theatre as Hunter's contribution to the elimination of discrimination and building of national unity in the war.

The meeting was sponsored by the Toussaint L'Ouverture Society, Student Council and Educational Advancement Committee.

The Negro people are eager to participate in the war, Mrs. Ann Hegeman, head of the Negro Division of the Office of Civilian Defense told the meeting. And courses

the true story of the Sojourner Truth Houses in Detroit. Guests at the meeting were Mrs. James Weldon Johnson, wife of the noted Negro composer and Dr. Reddick, curator of the Schomburg Collection.

Local 3 Votes 10% of Wages for War Bonds

Without a dissenting vote, 4,000 members of Local 3, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, AFL, ratified a ten per cent deduction from their weekly wages for the purchase of war bonds at Manhattan Center Thursday evening.

The action affecting 20,000 members of the union will bring the total yearly purchase up to \$4,000,000.

Youth Poll Backs Mixed Regiments

NYU Victory Rally Cheers Powell's Plea for Equality as Aid to Victory

The Gallup Poll has not yet sampled youth opinion on a military outfit of mixed Negro and white enlisted men, but the editors of Weekly Review, progressive youth newspaper published at 85 E. 12th St., have.

The Review's polling took place at New York University during a Victory Rally last week, at which a color guard for the United States flag was made up of Negro soldiers from the 372nd Infantry.

Adam Clayton Powell, Negro Councilman, undoubtedly expressed the feeling of the 2,000 students massed in Washington Square. He said, amidst shouts and applause:

POWELL APPEALS "We are waging a people's war, with a people's army for a people's peace. And the key to victory can be learned from the Chinese people, who are fighting a people's war, and from the glorious Red Army, which is fighting a people's war. Let us demand a regiment of American people, Negro and white, alike, fighting a people's war, so that democracy the world over shall become a reality."

Councilman Powell's speech put the students further into the frame of mind of supporting those measures whose enactment would most quickly defeat Hitler and fascism. An hour had been dedicated to the purchase of war bonds at Manhattan Center Thursday evening.

The service of the Civilian Defense Volunteer Office as a part of the victory mobilization week: Students had registered as nurses' aids, blood donors and "farm hands."

Following addresses by Councilman Powell, Harry Woodburn Chase, Chancellor of the University, and John Macaulay, head of OGD's youth division, the Review's reporter was the center of a crowd which responded to his queries on how they felt about a mixed regiment or brigade. Individual comments, as recorded by the reporter, are stimulating.

The latest issue of Weekly Review, incidentally, is filled with editorially written stories and editorials, many of which deal with this question of an American mixed outfit. Some writers refer to the outfit as a regiment while others call it a brigade. Judging by responses to the idea as recorded also in the Negro press, at least a regiment (which is larger than a brigade) might be required to take care of all who volunteered.

Capital CIO Rallies To FDR 7-Points

Warns of Defeatist Wrecking Drive; Screen Publicists Pledge Support

WASHINGTON, May 15.—The Washington Industrial Union Council, CIO, endorsed the President's 7-point anti-inflation program at its regular meeting, and pledged its utmost cooperation in carrying through this vital part of the war program.

Various speakers during the discussion warned that the defeatist forces in Congress will try to emasculate this vital program and urged that labor spring to its support.

Sidney Katz, secretary-treasurer of the Council, stressed the fact that the constant rise in prices threatens the entire war effort. He pointed out that the wage stabilization clause will permit of adjustments in wages that are so low as to reduce the energy and efficiency of workers in war industries.

Screen Publicists Back FDR Plan

The Screen Publicists Guild of New York unanimously endorsed President Roosevelt's seven-point program at its regular membership meeting last Thursday night at the Hotel Piccadilly.

The resolution to President Roosevelt follows:

"We, the members of the Screen Publicists Guild of New York, endorse and shall actively support your seven-point program to keep down the cost of living. We believe this program will contribute materially to victory in 1942. We are opposed at this time to wage-freezing legislation as destructive of this program and inimical to the pursuance of the war effort."

Negro Celebrates 117 Birthday

VIDALIA, Ga., May 15 (UP).—James Walker Wilson observed his 117th birthday today.

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Communist Leaders Honor Anna Damon Extol Brilliant Record in Birthday Greeting

Extolling the record and devotion of Anna Damon, Communist woman leader and noted for her leadership in the struggle of labor's rights, the National Committee of the Communist Party honored the occasion of her birthday yesterday in a special greeting.

The message, signed by William Z. Foster, National Chairman and Robert Minor, Acting Secretary, follows:

The National Committee of the Communist Party takes the occasion of the birthday of Comrade Anna Damon to speak to the many thousands of friends of the Party who have learned through years of common work to admire and respect this devoted comrade and Party worker:

From the very first days of the foundation of our Party, Anna Damon has demonstrated to all of us the finest qualities of a Communist and a leader of the working class. In recent years when she has held a high post of responsibility in a non-party organization, Comrade Damon has shown an exceptional instinct for contact and work with the masses of the people, with the trade



ANNA DAMON

unions, with intellectuals, and other progressive sections of the population. Throughout more than two decades of the Party's life she has shown admirable qualities of persistent determination, patience in difficult situations and an unflinching optimism that can only be based upon an apprecia-

tion of the inevitable destiny of our class and the irreplaceable role of our Party. In the extremely important work of our defense in the non-party organization which has entrusted her for many years with a leading role, she has shown a typical American efficiency and capacity for business-like work which, coupled with her indefatigable Party spirit and vision, are of enormous service to the many victims of struggle whose cause is championed by her and the International Labor Defense.

To all of the young members and sympathizers of our Party we speak of the fine example of such splendid woman leaders of our Party as Mother Bloor, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Anita Whitney, and with whom we must also enumerate Comrade Anna Damon, from whom they can learn to be better Americans, better trade unionists, more capable workers in production, more valiant soldiers and sailors and flyers in our country's armed forces, and more strong-hearted supporters of the democratic cause in the world-wide crisis of war to save civilization from the murderous assault

of German fascism. And to Comrade Anna Damon herself the National Committee of the Communist Party sends its congratulations on this anniversary, together with warm comradeship and hearty wishes for the best possible health to enable her to continue her valuable services to our country, to its labor movement and its cause in this just war.

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Moss Calls Hearing on Hate Ad Violations

Two employment agencies—the Terminal and Oxford job shops—and perhaps a third, the Abington Agency, will have to show cause next Thursday why their licenses should not be revoked for placing hate ads in local newspapers.

It was announced by License Commissioner Paul Moss yesterday. The Commissioner is acting on evidence submitted by Councilman Peter V. Cacchione, Brooklyn Communist, showing the agencies have violated the Hart Law.

Owners of the agencies will be called to appear at a hearing at the Department of Licenses, 112 White St., next Thursday morning. Cacchione submitted several anti-Semitic ads to the Commissioner placed in papers by the Terminal and Oxford agencies. These ads

specified that the help wanted must be "Christian." Moss is also investigating a Jim Crow want ad of the Abington Agency in the Journal-American. This one seeks a "porter, white." Cacchione will charge at the

License Department hearing that the agencies violated the Hart Law through their failure to include in the discriminatory ads the name of the prospective employer. Persons or agencies guilty of violation of this law, signed only last week by Mayor LaGuardia, are

deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and are liable to have their licenses revoked. Under the law, the Commissioner of Licenses must hold hearings on violations of the law. He has power to punish the offenders by lifting their licenses.

Detroit Browder Rally Hears Judge Urge Release

Wm. Browder, Labor Leaders, Negro Pastor Speak in Drive

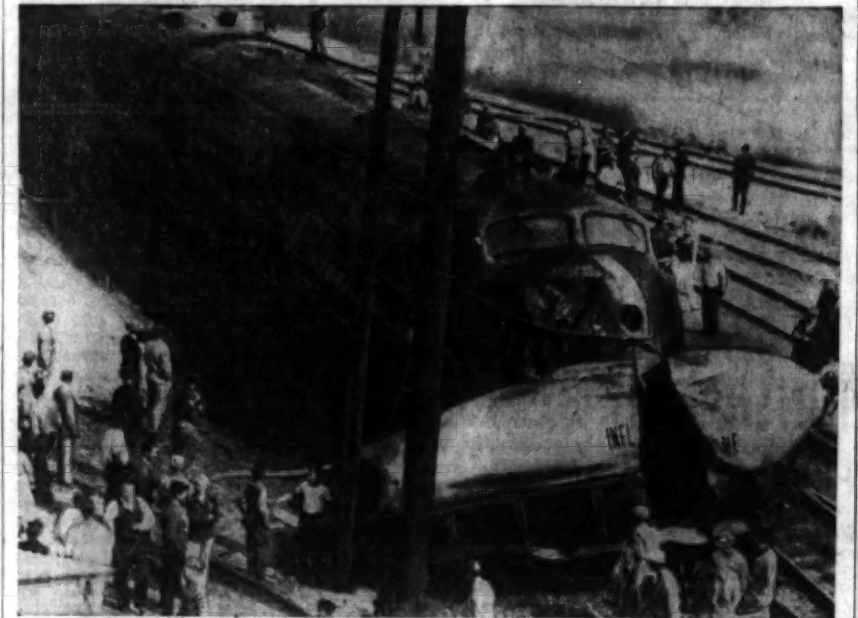
(Special to the Daily Worker)
DETROIT, May 15.—The prosecution and imprisonment of Earl Browder were characterized as an outrageous misuse of legal procedure, by Judge Patrick O'Brien, speaking at a Free Browder meeting in the Mirror Ballroom here.

From every angle, said Judge O'Brien, the four-year sentence was "cruel and unusual punishment. It would have been a severe sentence if judgment had been suspended." Browder's conviction, he declared, was the "greatest injustice that I have ever seen in my many years on the bench."

The main speaker, William Browder, brother of Earl Browder, who is on a nationwide tour, described the traditions of the Browder family and recounted the leadership of Earl Browder in the struggle against fascism.

"Unity has to prevail if the war is to be won," said Joseph Ferris, president of Local 212 United Auto Workers. "I ask President Roosevelt to exercise clemency and free Earl Browder so that he can help us win this war."

"Labor will repay many times by intensifying its fight against the fifth column and the saboteurs and by increasing production even more," he stated.



Streamliner Hits Gasoline Trucks: One man was killed and another hurt when the crack Santa Fe express en route to Los Angeles crashed into two trucks at a crossing. The gas tanks exploded and fire enveloped the engine.

Crack Train Hits Trucks

First Lady Lauds ALP War Stand

Writes Connolly: 'Wholeheartedly With You On Strong Labor Movement'

In a letter which Secretary Eugene P. Connolly of the New York County of the American Labor Party made public today with her permission, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt declared that the war must bring unity of class and race and creed and a strong labor movement.

Nazi Club in Mexico Stoned After Sinking

Students Aroused Over Incident, Talk of War Declaration

MEXICO CITY, May 15 (UP).—Senator Leon Garcia, leader of administration forces in the upper house, today demanded a special session of Congress to declare war against the Axis as public indignation over torpedoing of a Mexican ship rose to riotous proportions.

Garcia said he had summoned a meeting of the congressional commission, which remains in session during congressional recesses, to discuss the special session.

MEXICO CITY, May 15 (UP).—Protesting the torpedoing of a Mexican merchant ship off the Florida coast, students today stoned and shattered windows of the Midtown German Casino, an exclusive social club.

Public sentiment favoring declaration of war against Axis nations mounted following announcement that Mexico had sent notes through the Swedish legation to Germany, Italy and Japan demanding satisfactory explanation of the sinking by May 21.

Maritime Union branches of the Mexican Workers Confederation asked the government to arm fishing boats and to use coastguard and all other vessels available "in cooperation with the United States Navy" to combat Nazi submarines in the Gulf of Mexico.

Labor Fights Fish In His Own District

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groups, Republican and non-partisan, to defeat Fish. Fish, as a friend and employer of George Hill now in jail denying his contact with a registered Nazi agent.

"An investigation of the record of Hamilton Fish," declares the Middle-class labor resolution, "shows that he voted against the lend-lease bill, against increasing and strengthening our armed forces, against the conscription bill, or, in other words, that he voted against any measure that would have prevented America from being in the grave position she is in today."

The resolution urged strongly that "no responsible political party accept Hamilton Fish as a candidate for Congress."

The continued imprisonment of Browder is a disgrace and a blot upon our national record," said Billings. Four million Americans have already petitioned President Roosevelt for Browder's freedom as a matter of American justice. His immediate release would strengthen the faith of these patriotic millions. Let us call upon our Commander-in-Chief for the freedom of Browder as a matter of justice and national policy.

Additional speakers at the Madison Square Garden meeting will be announced within a day or two. The speakers already slated to address the rally are Prof. W. E. B. DuBois, Atlanta University; Morris Mintz, New York State Assemblyman; Prof. Henry Pratt Fairchild, New York University; Lewis Merrill, President, United Office and Professional Workers of America; Dr. Maxwell Ross, Democratic leader, 23rd Assembly District; Dr. Max Yergan, President, National Negro Congress; and Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Executive Secretary, Citizens Committee.



Chutists Rehearse: Marine paratroopers go tumbling out of a transport plane during training at the Lakehurst naval air station.

Cuban Senators Ask Gov't Break With Vichy, Spain

Fight On Axis Agents Grows; Evidence of Widespread Espionage Mounts

By Art Shields
Demands to close the enemy consulates of the Franco Government of Spain and the Vichy Government of France are rising in the Americas.

Dispatches from Cuba report that two well known Senators are pressing the government to break relations with Vichy and Madrid.

The two senators—Agustín Cruz and Miguel Suárez Fernández—ask the government to act on a motion made in the senate last fall, demanding the rupture of relations with Vichy and Madrid.

At the same time the senators ask the administration to give diplomatic recognition to Cuba's strong war ally, the Soviet Union.

INSULTING ATTACK
The senators' declaration calls attention to the insulting words of Franco's brother-in-law and foreign minister, Serrano Suner, who said last month that "the Hispano-

HAVANA, May 15.—President Batista's Administration yesterday barred General Franco's charge d'affaires from visiting German, Japanese and Italian citizens, interned on the Isle of Pines.

Evidence that Franco's agents are acting as spies for Nazi submarines has strained relations between Cuba and the Spanish fascist representatives.

American countries have "the blood and the spirit of frogs." The demand for a break with Franco and Vichy follows a series of raids by President Batista's FBI and police on Spanish Falangists (fascists) and Nazi agents and Japanese spies.

The Falangists take orders directly from Serrano Suner, who heads the political bureau of their party in Madrid.

Falangists are entrenched in certain Cuban business circles, especially in shipping.

SPY WORK HERE
Government evidence indicates that these Spanish fascist agents are transmitting reports on ship movements to Nazi submarine commanders over secret radio stations.

Evidence also links Spanish and Nazi agents with American connections. Thus the Cuban press reports the FBI arrested a German, Ignacio Maximino Griffe, with letters signed by a man with a post office address in Miami, Fla., advising him to "try to find couriers among the sailors in the fishing fleet of Cuba, who know perfectly well the coasts of Florida so as to be able to send them the necessary articles and to ship articles and send news."

Ships are being sunk off this Florida coast. At the same time the FBI arrested a former seaman, Gerardo Sanchez Canovas, with a detailed coastal map of Florida, who confessed that Griffe was constantly

Tour of Coal Fields

NEGRO LEADER WIRE

Charles C. Diggs, Negro State Senator, who was unable to be present sent a telegram which was read to the meeting.

"This is the 41st day," Diggs' telegram read. "Shall we face another day suppressing civil liberties by keeping this great leader of men and democracy in custody or shall we release Browder as a symbol of what we are fighting for—liberty and freedom."

"I join you," wired Diggs, "by calling on our great President in the name of America . . . to free this great friend and leader of the masses."

C. G. Eiden, chairman of the Citizens' Committee to Free Earl Browder, and president of Plymouth local 51 of the United Auto Workers, called for the opening of a second front in western Europe as the basis for smashing Hitlerism in 1942. He told the audience of Browder's great contributions in building the labor movement, and called for his release so that he could enter the fray and help in these critical times.

Reverend John Miles, Negro preacher, who was applauded vigorously declared that "Browder sought justice for minority groups, fought for the rights of labor and real freedom and democracy."

"Browder foresaw the danger of fascism to our country when it arose in Germany. He fought to keep that danger away from our shores. He went to Spain where the fight to smash fascism was being waged and for that he was imprisoned."

William Browder was cheered when he described how Earl Browder had shown the American people the correct path in the fight against fascism. He traced the history of the Browder family back to 1600 and described its contributions to the life of America in all the critical periods since then.

A state-wide Browder Free Browder conference to be held in Detroit on June 7, was announced by chairman Ingram.

Sink Ship Off Mississippi River Mouth

NEW ORLEANS, May 15 (UP).—Striking within a mile and a half of the mouth of the Mississippi River, an enemy submarine sank a large American cargo ship on Tuesday, killing 27 of its crew of 41, the Eighth Naval District announced today.

The submarine fired three torpedoes, the second of which set the vessel afire and trapped crewmen at battle stations. The 14 survivors, four reported in critical condition in the Marine Hospital here, were swept along by the swiftly-flowing water for half an hour before a Coast Guard cutter, on inshore patrol, rescued them.

(The Navy Department in Washington, in announcing the sinking, said that early in the morning of the same day an explosion shook the east jetty of the southwest passage to the Mississippi. Cause of the explosion has not been determined. Damage was relatively light and created no menace to navigation.)

How Lewis Blocks War Effort in West Virginia

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views with many miners and union officials, there is no doubt about it.

PRINCIPAL COAL STATE

The bulk of the 700,000 members of the United Mine Workers live in such small towns. Together with their families they comprise a vital segment of the country's people. Their part in the drive to win the war is as vital as that of any other section of the population of similar size. West Virginia is the country's principal coal state, producing about 30 per cent of the total. Its 125,000 miners and families are a decisive part of the population.

But one pulls out of Barrackville with the feeling that the mining town has not yet been greatly aroused to the war effort—certainly not to the extent of the traditional fighting capacity of the coal miners. Why? An interview with Frank Markuse, president of the local union, probably furnishes the basic reason.

A stocky man in the late thirties, Markuse was working around his garden patch when I came to see him. I put to him a number of questions on his union's part in the war.

RECEIVE NO DIRECTIVES
His story sounded quite pessimistic. There is no doubt that every one of the 1,400 miners of the Barrackville mine are for full support of the war and want to see Hitler beat. But beside subscribing to a war band or an occasional donation for the Red Cross there is very little they are doing. He estimates that at least 10 per cent have already gone off to camps but not much has been done to keep in touch with the boys.

Markuse deplored the complacency of most of the miners. He pictured only a small group in the local who really takes an interest beyond a few very elementary matters.

"Have you received any directives or war program from your district officials?" I asked him. The local is part of District 31, UMW.

"No," was his reply. "Has the international office of the union sent you any such instructions, program or communication?"

He thought for a moment. "Only one communication, asking the locals to buy bonds," he replied.

"Have any district or national board members addressed your local on such problems?"

"No. Never."

ABSENTEEISM SERIOUS
I then asked Markuse whether there are production problems at the mine. It developed that absenteeism is serious, causing considerable loss of production. The company was threatening to take its own measures under the contract to meet the problem—possibly through discharges. This would not make for smoother relations.

As we were discussing, a siren

was being tested at the mine. Markuse explained that this was preparation for a blackout. And it reminded him of the company's policy of avoiding cooperation with the local for a joint part in the civilian defense and mine protective machinery.

The conversation shifted on what the possibilities are for increased production in event, as is already indicated, greater coal production was needed for the war effort. What could a joint management-labor committee do in that respect? Markuse noted that as most captive mines, the Barrackville mine was operated quite efficiently. That there was little loss of time to workers due to unorganized machine cutting or insufficient supply of coal cars.

"Well," he finally said, "the company could drill the post holes. Any man could lead two or three tons of coal rather than drill post holes. Why can't the company drill them by machinery. There is your increased production."

DONE BY HAND
Drilling of post holes (the explosive charge is placed in the holes) is done by hand and its a disagreeable and hard job. The union has already made that proposal to the company, but it appears that a certain profit interest is involved.

Markuse explained that here is a case which would raise production and benefit the men for they are paid by the ton. He agreed that a joint committee could probably take up absenteeism and 11½ problems on a cooperative basis, and that education to arouse the workers for the war, scrap collection, and safety, could be advanced by the union and company jointly.

Still, Markuse, displayed a feeling that it would take a far greater power than the small active group in the local, to put into effect such a program.

"Suppose you received a communication signed by John L. Lewis directing your local to carry lines. Would that help you?" I asked.

"Oh," he cried out, "I could do lots with that."

The conversation then came to Lewis' attitude on the war, and his association with the Lindbergh-Wheeler defeatist crowd which explains the absence of a win-the-war program in the mine union.

Naturally there was nothing left but to agree that unless the locals themselves initiate such program there won't be any in the mining towns.

Markuse assured me, as I parted, that Lewis support is very weak in the Fairmont area. He deplored the development of a rift in the CIO and the talk of the mine union's withdrawal. He added that he was not interested in the personalities involved, but principally in the fact that President Philip Murray of the CIO is leading the win-the-war forces.

"I have always been against war," he said. "But to this war I am very close."

Barrackville gives the answer

Billings Issues New Appeal For Browder

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Troops Go To Many Fronts, FDR Says

Lend-Lease Aid to Allies Mounting Steadily, He Declares

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stand the need of this curtailment of private air service and will gladly travel by train. He foresaw no immediate shortage of train passenger facilities.

He revealed that total lend-lease aid in April to all countries amounted to \$677,000,000, as compared with \$588,000,000 in March, and brought over-all assistance under this program to \$3,635,000,000 since it was initiated last year.

The President would not say which nations received the bulk of the shipments. A statement issued subsequently by the White House explained that the division is made by military, naval and industrial experts "in a manner aimed at putting the supplies to their most effective use in fighting our common enemies."

"Since the start of the program the proportion of fighting weapons to food, drugs, raw materials and other industrial materials has steadily increased," the statement said. "Today the major part of the aid supplied is in the form of finished munitions."

It said lend-lease aid has been rising steadily since the program started. Operations in April were at an annual rate of more than \$8,000,000,000 as compared with \$4,000,000,000 last December.

The President said the April figure represented actual exports. They amounted to virtually the total exports for the first six months of the program.

Navy Makes Public Third Casualty List

WASHINGTON, May 15 (UP).—Names of Navy officers and enlisted men reported missing since Dec. 7 were made public today in the Navy's third casualty list of the war.

Originally the list contained 2,495 names, but several missing men have turned up and others have been added. Navy casualties up to May 2 included 2,991 dead, 2,495 missing and 907 wounded. In addition, approximately 5,000 others were captured by the Japanese in the Pacific.

EXPOSED

Coughlinites Plan Pro-Fascist Rally

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Communist, denounced sponsors of the Prospect Ave. affair as "the best friends of Hitler and the Axis in America."

A member of the Mayor's "I Am An American Day" committee, Cacchione called on Brooklynites to attend the Central Park rally. He said he considered the meeting called by Curran in defense of Father Coughlin "an effort to divide the people of Brooklyn," he said. "What kind of an American Day meeting could be conducted under Reverend Curran's auspices, when

he and Father Coughlin have long ago betrayed the real principles of Americanism?" the councilman asked.

"These great principles are today in danger of being destroyed by the Axis and Curran is the staunchest support of Father Coughlin, who has verbally parroted Goebbels' speeches in 'Social Justice,'" he said.

Plans for the Coughlinite private "American Day" meeting were brought to the attention of the Mayor's office late yesterday. Sponsorship of the rally, it was learned, is being investigated.

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2nd Front! What Wisconsin Student Poll Says

Key to Victory in '42, Unions Say

The powerful District Council No. 3, of the United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers, representing 50,000 war industry workers in upstate New York, added its voice to the chorus demanding a second front. In Hartford, Detroit, Milwaukee, and New York additional labor organizations have spoken up for a western front offensive against Hitler.

The UE district council No. 3, meeting in Syracuse, resolved that: "All affiliated locals be called upon to take action... by sending letters and petitions to their elected representatives in Congress, and wherever possible each local invite all other civil, labor and business organizations to cooperate in organizing a public rally supporting the administration in the opening up of a western front."

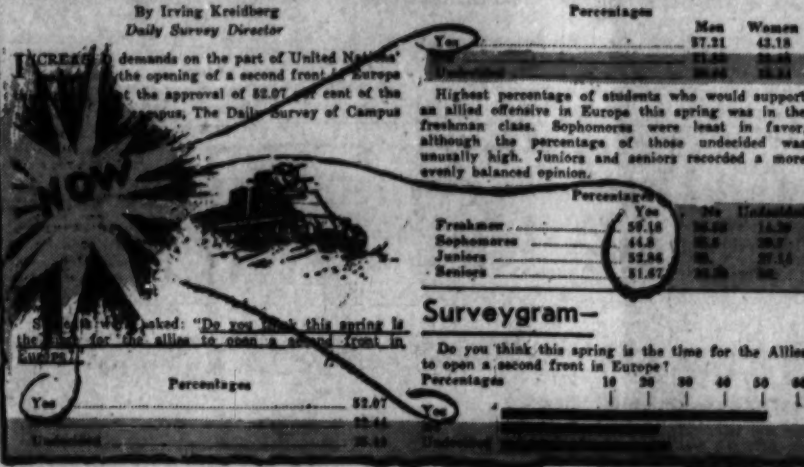
At the district council meeting, Willard Bliss, international UE representative, declared that: "Continued success and the defeat of Hitler will be determined by the speed with which our government and Great Britain establish a second front in Europe."

Seventy labor leaders attending the Connecticut State Committee meeting of Labor's Non-partisan League in Hartford over the weekend, declared that the "opening of a western front in Europe" now is a vital issue for the American people.

In Detroit a membership meeting of Local 1064, Hotel, Restaurant, and Beverage Workers, urged a western front offensive which will "result in dividing Hitler's forces and thus making it possible to smash Hitlerism, the heart of the Axis, in 1942."

Three hundred shop chairmen and committee members, representing more than 3,000 members of Furniture Workers Union, Local 78-B, in New York, enthusiastically passed a resolution for the opening of a western front. The meeting declared that, "Hitler can be defeated in 1942 if a western front is opened."

Survey Shows Students Want 'Second Front'



Fur Convention Unanimous for Action in West

Convention Hails Union's Unity, Great Gains CHEER GOLD

By Conrad Komorowski
(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, May 15.—For the second successive day, delegates to the 14th Biennial convention of the Fur Division, International Fur and Leather Workers Union, CIO, unanimously endorsed the most important report of the convention, that of the Win the War Committee.

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, May 15.—For more than nine hours today delegates after delegate rose to speak on the officer's report, the only item on the agenda today before the 14th Biennial Convention of the International Fur and Leather Workers' Union, Fur Division, holding its week long convention in Chicago.

"Action, not words. That is the way to open the Second Front," was the cry.

The committee's report, in addition, places every member squarely behind the raising of another \$100,000,000 in war savings bonds.

More than 50 delegates had exhaustively discussed the work of the union for the last period before the vote was taken on the report.

One issue was permanent in every speech—the burning need to mobilize all resources to support the government in the prosecution of the war for victory over Hitlerism in 1942.

As Irving Potash, first vice-president and chairman of the New York Joint Board declared, "We've made of our union a strong weapon for its members. We are turning it into a sharp and powerful weapon for the nation in this crucial hour."

BRILLIANT RECORD

How strong a weapon for its members, and how powerful a weapon for the nation the union is, was amply demonstrated in the officers' report of achievements and the discussion by delegates.

Not one delegate found anything to take out of the report. Indeed the delegates kept listing victories of the union which had not been mentioned for lack of space.

The brilliant leadership of Ben Gold, President of the Union, was acclaimed in a great rising demonstration and march about the room.

The delegates' opinion of the union's achievements was that it "constitutes a glorious record of three years of successful struggles, substantial gains of growth and progress of our union to which every delegate pointed with pride."

"Never before," the committee reported on this order of business said, "at a convention of our International has there been presented such a record of organizational gains and achievements."

During the past three years, the committee report points out, the union has met its severest test and has come through with greater strength and influence than ever before.

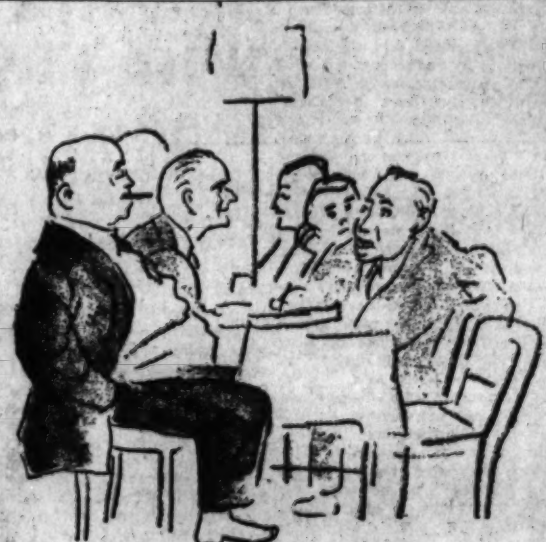
VICTORY OF UNITY

In his summation, Ben Gold pointed out that beyond all other achievements, the union represents the victory of unity, and that the vote on the officers' report will be a vote on the union's policy of unity and the fullest, most active participation in the drive to crush Hitler in 1942.

The vote was unanimous, a reaffirmation of the firm stand and active work of the union for the war effort.

The officers' report states, "American labor would rather die than surrender to fascism. Labor in our Allied countries, Great Britain, the Soviet Union and China has engraved the same decision upon the pages of history with its blood and sacrifice."

"Labor realized that without a supreme effort this great historic



NEW YORK DELEGATES



LISTENING TO REPORTS
Drawn by Staff Artist William Gropper at the Fur Union Convention

victory cannot be won; that without total, complete and decisive annihilation of the fascist enemy, the people are in critical danger. This is a war of the people against the enemy of the people. Labor's effort is decisive. Labor can, must, and shall do its share."

GREAT WAR RECORD

The record of the union in the war effort evoked cheers from the delegates. One hundred thousand dollars has been contributed to Russian and British War Relief of the New York Joint Council, and large contributions by other locals. The war bond goal of \$2,000,000 was oversubscribed. More than a thousand pints of blood have been donated; entire memberships have been involved in Civilian Defense work; 600 jackets were made for Allied seamen.

Within the first week of the war, 50 of the fur fur boys volunteered for the armed services. In a factory producing heavy leather for war purposes, the union by a voluntary effort, was able to increase production by 30 per cent.

These are but a few of the achievements reported today.

In addition, for the two-year period since the last convention the union was able to report substantial organizational gains.

But more than that, achievements that are intangible but which contribute to the "great wealth of the union," as one delegate called the militant spirit of the union membership, made up an important part of the report.

Union delegates were able to report a mass participation of members in the life of the union, the development of leaders from the ranks, the development of outstanding Negro leaders, and the elimination of all friction among national groups until the union has become

one big family of Czechs, Poles, Lithuanians, and other nationalities. There is no discrimination against Jews, Negroes, Catholics, or Protestants in this union; that was made clear by the composition of the delegates, and the lauding attacks from the floor against such discriminatory practices as treachery to the national welfare.

Ben Gold was acclaimed in the report of the committee "for his brilliant and inspiring leadership, for his direction, for his idealism and devotion to labor, tolerance and practice of trade union democracy and application of correct trade union strategy and tactics which have guided successfully the destiny of our organization."

In his summation, Gold, with a depth of feeling in his voice, declared that the achievements of the union were due to the splendid collective work of all the members and the union's policy of unity and honest, sincere, loyal, and progressive trade unionism.

He thanked the members for their "loyalty and splendid response to every call of the union."

Young Republican Clubs Urged to Reject Ham Fish

HAMILTON, N. Y., May 15 (UP).—The New York State Young Republican Clubs were urged today to repudiate Representative Hamilton Fish, Jr., and other so-called "probables" on international policies.

Bitter primary fights against candidates seeking Republican endorsement should they fail to take a firm and clear stand on international affairs, was predicted as a result of recommendations made by Wendell L. Wilkie, the 1940 Presidential candidate, Mrs. Robert Low Bacon, former state chairman, and other leaders.

Tanks in 1 Month=All 1941 Output Light, Medium, Heavy—They're 'Hell in Motion'

WASHINGTON, May 15 (UP).—

One type of tank for the Army now is being produced at a monthly rate that is equal to the annual rate last year.

Office of Emergency Management officials revealed that today as the War Production Board said all tank production reached a monthly figure several months ago that exceeded total tank production during the entire World War period.

The tremendous increase in tank production has been accomplished since April 30, 1940—the date the first mass-produced tank rolled off the assembly line. Previously tanks had been made by hand in Army arsenals.

Today's tanks—hard hitting, tough, and capable of out-running and out-lasting other models—and

surpass any similar type in mobility and mechanical reliability.

The locomotive, automotive and farm equipment industries are making most of them. Plants that once made railroad cars, automobile and trailer bodies, airplane motors, tractors, oil well drilling equipment, type foundry equipment, shoe machines, compressed air equipment and similar equipment are helping.

These former civilian industries have created a new industry to build monsters that cost \$1 a pound and weigh as much as 112,000 pounds.

On April 30, 1940, a light tank, weighing 13½ tons, and equipped with five machine guns and a 37-millimeter gun, which can travel at speeds up to 38 miles per hour, was

born. That tank, officials said, had the tactical equivalent of 40 soldiers on foot.

Since then production lines have started and more are being set up. Improved models are going into production.

The first medium tank, the M-3, was delivered in April, 1941. It has been replaced by a later model, the M-4. That tank, which carries a complement of seven men, has a 37-millimeter gun, a 75-millimeter cannon, and four machine guns, is a "rolling battery of artillery."

It was not until Dec. 8, 1941—the day after Pearl Harbor—that the first heavy tank was delivered. This tank, officials said, which was only the first sample (pilot) model, was "Hell in motion." It weighs 56 tons. President Roosevelt has set 45,000 tanks as the goal for this year.

Hatching 'Eggs' for Victory Vast Powder Keg Against Axis Turns Out Bombs

(This is the fourth and final dispatch of a series describing production of Army Ordnance in the Chicago district, leader of the nation. It deals with loading high explosive charges into aerial bombs and artillery shells. The stories have been reviewed by the War Department.)

By William McMenamin
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

A MID-WEST MUNITIONS DEPOT, May 15 (UP).—A workman tamped chunks of hot TNT into a 500-pound aerial demolition bomb on the assembly line of this great mid-west shell loading depot with the aplomb of a cook making fudge.

He pounded, hard with a heavy aluminum bar to get the high explosive charge into every part of the bomb cylinder. An air pocket in the bomb might cause a premature explosion and perhaps death for an air corps ground crew.

Dossens of bombs stood on the immaculate floor of the loading room. Workmen cautiously wheeled in empty bomb cases at one end of the assembly line and took away the full ones at the other end.

A single spark could blow them and the building into splinters.

Reporters viewed the scene on a tour of ordnance plants permitted by the Army for the first time since war was declared. They were searched three times on their way through cordons of guards. They left their matches and cigarettes at the gate.

"It was a 50-50 chance Capt. Colin Kelly dropped two of our 500-pound bombs on the Japanese battleship Haruna," the commanding officer said.

Precautions against sabotage and "housekeeping" to sweep up every stray scrap of TNT and avoid sparks that might set it off cost a great deal. The commanding officer said the plant never had suffered a disastrous explosion and he "hoped we won't have a Burlington."

He referred to two explosions at the Burlington, Ia., ordnance plant. Plants for bomb and shell loading, administration buildings, a hospital and a hundreds of storage depots dot the depot reservation.

The plant loads explosive missiles from 37 mm. anti-aircraft shells to two-ton aerial demolition bombs, largest in the world.

The TNT is heated, screened and mixed with ammonium nitrate in a secret room. The liquid explosive is cooled in trays and loaded into the shells when it congeals into a yellow solid.

who keep Earl Browder in jail.

Saturday, May 16, will open "Free Browder Week" in this city and a number of outstanding events have been planned.

A theatre benefit performance of "Final Verdict" at Foresters Theatre will open the week on May 16 and close it on May 23.

There will be special programs, such as the Neighborhood Mass Rally on Wednesday, May 20, 7:30 P. M., at Shoe Workers Hall, 1632 Milwaukee Ave. The speakers will include Harvey O'Connor, nationally prominent author; Morris Childs, Secretary of the Illinois-Indiana District of the Communist Party; Robert Kirkwood, organizer of United Electrical Local 1150; and Frank Mierkiewicz, organizer of the Leather Workers Union, Local 43.

Chicago Auto Local Backs Browder Drive

Meetings Hear William Browder; Plan Week of Wide Activities

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, May 15.—Another CIO United Auto Workers local will participate in the trade unionists' Free Browder Conference to be held on May 26, at the Sherman Hotel at 8 P. M.

Two delegates were elected from Local 715 yesterday. Union members were so enthused that they spontaneously decided to take up a collection, which netted \$10.

A host of activities have been undertaken here. On Saturday afternoon, William Browder spoke to a group of professional people at a luncheon and plans were made to intensify the campaign. More than \$250 was raised.

Another meeting at which William Browder spoke was held at Hyde Park Unitarian Church. Prof. Wayne McMillen was chairman, and the two other speakers were Josephine Baptiste, representing the Negro Students' Club at the University of Chicago, and Homer Jackson of Meadville Theological seminary.

Mr. Browder told the audience that the campaign to secure the freedom of his brother, America's outstanding anti-fascist, is part of the campaign to win the war, that it is the appeasers and defeatists

Community leaders in Brooklyn including Councilman Peter V. Cacchione, Dr. Maxwell Ross, Rabbi Alter F. Landesman and the Rev. George C. Ford will address a preliminary "I Am an American Day" rally tonight at Pitkin and Hopkinson Aves.

The patriotic exercises are sponsored by the Civilian Defense Volunteer Office, 3rd precinct.

Union Urges Gov't Food Coordinator

CIO Store Clerks Ask 2nd Front at Parley; Hit Pay Freezing

Delegates to the First Annual Conference of Local 338, Retail, Wholesale, Chain Store Food Employees Union, CIO, concluded their two-day session with the adoption of a resolution urging the government to open a second front offensive together with our allies, to crush Hitler in 1942.

The conference opposed the freezing of wages which, it declared, "would nullify the heroic efforts now being made by the American workers to win the war."

"Freezing of wages at their present level," the resolution stated, "would place the wage earners of this country at a disadvantage, because they would be compelled to pay prices that have risen far above the prevalent wage level."

The conference called for full cooperation with the government in its effort to organize the food industry, to prevent inflation, the development of a "black market," and speculation in food.

Lehman Proclamation

ALBANY, May 15 (UP).—Governor Lehman issued a proclamation today urging the people of New York State to participate in a nation-wide "I Am an American Day," this Sunday.

They're Saying In Washington

By Adam Lapin

Prado-Litvinoff Talk a Welcome Portent; Housing Crisis Still Major War Obstacle

—Daily Worker Washington Bureau
—Washington, D. C., May 15

DURING his visit to the capital, President Prado of Peru conferred not only with President Roosevelt but also with leading representatives of the United Nations, including Ambassador Litvinoff of the Soviet Union and Lord Halifax of England.

Like most Latin American countries, Peru still does not "recognize" the Soviet Union. So something of a diplomatic precedent was shattered when the Peruvian Embassy invited Litvinoff to attend the official reception in honor of Dr. Prado. In addition, Litvinoff and Dr. Prado had a brief but reportedly cordial talk.

There was some speculation here that this foreshadowed the opening of diplomatic relations between Peru and the Soviet Union. Whether or not this step is taken in the immediate future, there is little doubt that one of the effects of Dr. Prado's visit will be to bring closer understanding between Latin America and the United Nations—including the Soviet Union and Great Britain as well as our own country.

Most pressing of the problems discussed by President Roosevelt and Dr. Prado was understood to be the defense of Peru's exposed coast line against attack by Japan. A crackdown on the numerous Japanese agents who are already located at strategic points in Peru is considered an indispensable first step in safeguarding Peru; this will probably require cooperation from the United States.

OFFICIALS here are becoming increasingly disturbed about the aid which President Castillo of Argentina is extending to Hitler under a cloak of "neutrality."

Argentina has a trade agreement with Franco, under which wheat and other food stuffs are being shipped to Spain. It is an open secret that shipments from Argentina are then sent on to the Nazis. Now Castillo has completed a new trade agreement with Switzerland providing for large exports from Argentina. That the Nazis expect to cash in on this arrangement is considered a certainty here.

War production is being slowed up in many industrial centers by a lack of adequate housing. The alleged labor shortage about which many newspaper stories have been written is in a large number of cases a housing shortage. Workers come to a factory, fail to find homes for themselves and their families at reasonable rents and finally leave in desperation.

It must be reported that after two and a half months as head of the new centralized National Housing Agency, Administrator John Blanford has not yet come to grips with the housing problem. Much of his time has been taken up with personnel. The slow rate of construction on war housing projects has not picked up. And the \$130,000,000 pre-fabricated, demountable housing program has not even gotten under way.

Blanford recently ordered his aides to stop all work in planning new projects. And it is understood that a comprehensive new housing policy will soon be announced. But on the basis of reliable reports, it looks as if the new policy will fail to meet the serious housing situation and will represent a series of vital concessions to private real estate interests.

As it now shapes up, Blanford is planning to put major emphasis on temporary dormitories for single workers and on temporary "war apartments" for married workers. The "war apartments" will be big wooden barracks, and each apartment will consist of one room with a Murphy bed, a kitchenette and a bathroom. They are being set up for two persons, either a man and his wife or two women or two men.

These "war apartments" and dormitories will fail to meet the needs of the many thousands of workers with families. If such workers want to take jobs in war plants distant from their homes, they will actually have to maintain two establishments which in most cases involves prohibitive costs. There might conceivably be an argument for this large-scale program of temporary barracks if the record showed that temporary dwellings have been constructed more quickly. But this has not been the case. In addition, there is a grave danger that inadequate temporary war homes will become slums a few years from now.

Several unions, including the United Auto Workers and Marine and Shipbuilding Workers, have taken a real interest in the housing problem. With Blanford now in the process of drafting new policies, the labor movement as a whole might well study the serious housing situation which now exists, and present the administration with constructive suggestions and criticisms.

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An Inspiration to The Assembly Line

The welcome news that certain leaders in Washington are planning changes in the war production program with an eye to the possibility of WINNING THE WAR WITHIN SIX MONTHS OR A YEAR places special responsibilities upon organized labor.

Quotas for each plant and methods of production should be re-examined in this light: are we working in such a way as to achieve maximum production not in '43 but right NOW?

The pace in establishing management-labor plant committees should be speeded up. Thousands of important plants still do not have these committees whose worth has al-

ready been completely proven. Meanwhile, the work of those joint committees, which have already been established, should be reviewed with the aim of increasing their effectiveness in terms of actual output.

Hitlerism CAN be destroyed this year through strengthening the Russian front and setting up a second front by Britain and America in Western Europe. Here every union and every worker on the assembly line has a great obligation. Miracles of production have already been achieved through labor's initiative and through management-labor cooperation. The objective of smashing Hitler should be the inspiration for still greater marvels of production.

A Win-the-War Duty Of American Labor

Nothing could be more timely now than that unions should speak out for affiliation of American labor to the Anglo-Soviet trade union committee.

The unions which most recently urged such Allied labor cooperation were the A. F. of L. International Building Service Employees Union, now meeting in convention in Minneapolis and Local 302 of the A. F. of L. Cafeteria Employees Union in New York City. These expressions are of especial significance now. The question will come up before the present session of the A. F. of L. executive council in Washington, which will be addressed by Sir Walter Citrine, British labor leader, in behalf of Anglo-Soviet-American collaboration.

The close cooperation between the Soviet and British trade unions has already inspired increased British production and has strengthened the anti-Nazi ties of the British and Soviet people. It has also had a tremendous inspirational effect upon the workers in the Nazi-occupied countries in their battle for freedom.

Affiliation of the American labor movement to the Anglo-Soviet Trade Union Committee is one of the prime necessities for winning the war and for establishing a Second Front to do the job this year. CIO and AFL unions have a golden opportunity to achieve this war essential now, by speaking out while the question is under actual consideration by the A. F. of L. executive council.

Grass Roots Press Urges: 'Open Second Front'

America's grass roots, through its press insist more and more upon opening a second front now against Hitler. From all parts of the country, the newspapers in the communities of medium size are hammering at offensive action through a land attack, on the Nazis in Europe.

Here are two expressions of what America is saying on the second front:

THE GLOVERSVILLE, N. Y., LEADER-REPUBLICAN, as early as April 28, ran a leading editorial entitled "Time Ripe for Allied Second Front." In the course of that editorial, this paper says: "While there is no room for over-confidence or under-estimation of the Germans, the conclusion can be easily reached that Hitler is scraping the bottom of his manpower barrel on all fronts. With the initiative of attack with the Allies, Hitler has a bigger problem in guarding all avenues of approach to the Continent than he can solve."

"But there is no reason to doubt that Hitler will strike hard in Russia and toward Middle Eastern oil. He has to move or die. So more and more facts in their addition mean the crucial moment is near. When Hitler smashes with all he has, the Allies must put everything they have into smashing him. Opportunity knocks at the door. The fortunes of war are in flood for the Allies."

THE EASTERN, PA., FREE PRESS, under the same date, called editorially: "Open Second Front!" Hitlerian strategy, it says, "calls for all-out attack on Russia, although Hitler now gives no assurances that victory can be achieved there before another winter grips his armies. There is every evidence, moreover, of intensifying Nazi apprehension lest the British and Americans launch a major attack somewhere along the 2,000 miles of continental coast to catch the Germans between two fires..."

"The war is being brought home more closely to Germany every night and day as the spring advances. Should the Allies manage to gain continental footholds wide enough and deep enough to permit establishment of

advance air bases, the fury of that air attack would be redoubled.

"For the moment, however, the greatest Nazi concern seems to be over the possibility of an Allied invasion of Northern Norway."

THE REDONDO, CALIF., SOUTH BAY BREEZE, on April 20, states that this is a "Crucial War Year." Says this California paper: "The sunrise has been that 1943 was chosen as the time for the great Allied offensive. There may be reasons now to believe that this should be moved up to this summer." Then it adds:

"Recent heavy bombings of the industrial areas of Germany and France lead to the conclusion that the RAF has information on what resistance the Germans have available to meet an Allied attempt to open a western front on the continent."

"Such an attempt by the United Nations, even though it should be wiped out, would be a victory, if it was effective in taking enough pressure off Russia so the Red Army could keep up its drive toward Germany."

THE SAINT JOHNSBURY, VERMONT, CALEDONIAN-RECORD, editorializing on April 27, comes out strongly for a second land front in Europe immediately. Referring to Lord Beaverbrook's appeal for such a Second Front, it says:

"Evidence is growing that United Nations forces will attempt an invasion of Europe before the summer is out. There has been no confirmation of this through official announcements of course and the premise may turn out to be wrong but on every hand, the evidence and the actions of our forces point to the opening of the much demanded Second Front in Europe."

"Most important link in this growing chain of circumstances was Lord Beaverbrook's address to newspaper men in New York last week. Beaverbrook is in America as a representative of the British cabinet, he has held important posts in the British ministry including the production post and his newspaper, the Evening Standard, is one of the most influential in the empire."

"Such a man cannot speak lightly on such an important topic. His prepared speech must have been considered at length and may have had tacit approval from the British government before its delivery. Beaverbrook said in brief: Now is the time to attack Hitler from the West even if the campaign is undertaken recklessly for the entire war depends upon Russia's continued resistance and to insure that resistance, the Russians must be given relief by the creation of a Second Front. If Hitler fails to conquer Russia this year and obtain sources of vital raw materials, he is through. Then the Allies can pulverize Japan."

Thus does America, in the medium-sized city as elsewhere, urge the launching of a British-American army of liberation on western European shores—to knock out Hitler in 1942!



The Unions and The War

By William Z. Foster

One of the most striking features of total war is the huge extent to which women are participating. In great and rapidly increasing numbers they are engaged in industry, in war relief work, in civilian defense, and now they are even being inducted into the armed forces. In the United States women are beginning to perform the vital war role that they have long since been doing in England and, above all, in the USSR.



WM. Z. FOSTER

Especially important is the entry of women in large numbers into the war industries. Already many thousands are employed in the aircraft and other war plants. The American Federationist for March estimates that "several million women will be brought into war production," and the Women's Bureau says that 6,000,000 women are now available for war work. Also, the Government is contemplating registering all women up to 65 for war services.

The women in war industries are doing many kinds of work which were hitherto considered to be impossible for them. Their industrial capacities and versatility are coming as a big surprise, if not an actual shock, to conservative labor leaders and industrial managers alike. But to really see what women are capable of industrially one has to look to the USSR, where it has been recently reported in press dispatches that the majority of workers now in industrial production are women, and that agriculture is being carried on overwhelmingly by them.

The big influx of women workers into American industry presents many important problems to the trade union movement. The new women workers must be trained for their jobs; they must be unionized; they must be educated for union leadership; they must be given the fullest union protection regarding equality of pay, etc. As yet, however, the trade unions seem only vaguely aware of the new problems. So far, neither the CIO nor the AFL has developed any program that might be called even an adequate approach to the question.

The slowness of the labor movement to take up vigorously the new problems of the women war worker in industry is not surprising. Traditionally the trade unions in this country have held to very conservative positions regarding women workers generally. Save in the garment trades, the textile industry, and a few other occupations, there has been a widespread tendency to look upon women workers

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as rivals for the all too few jobs, instead of as fellow workers. In many instances unions have vigorously objected to women entering their trades. Indeed, even yet, there are traces of the one-time common "male white" clauses in union practices and constitutions.

A striking manifestation of the traditional trade union neglect and underestimation of women workers is the almost complete absence of women in top trade union leadership. Although women have long played an important part in our national industrial life, neither the AFL nor the CIO has found it necessary to include even one woman representative in its executive council. And, by the same token, women are as rare as white blackbirds in the decisive committees of all but a very few of the national unions in both federations of labor. The CIO, true to its generally more progressive trend, has shown increasing concern about women workers, but even here there is a great lack, especially in view of the far greater role of women in industry brought about by the war.

Organized labor should take up promptly and energetically the burning problem of women in war industry. This it ought to do, not only to strengthen the national war effort, but also from the standpoint of trade union organization and practice. One thing should be clear to the trade unions: after this war women are going to be a far greater factor in industry than ever before. Large numbers of those now working in the plants will be able to hang on after the war—which will be all to the good, as one of the democratic achievements of the war. The trade unions must incorporate these women workers within their ranks. Under no circumstances, therefore, can the question of the woman worker in war industry be slurred over or neglected on the grounds that it is only a temporary, wartime problem.

What is necessary is a national trade union conference on the question of women workers in industry and agriculture. Such a conference, made up of delegates from both the CIO and AFL, could work out a comprehensive program to meet the situation. The gathering, representing all localities and industries, could take up every angle of the problems of the new woman war workers and give organized labor a clear lead on them. The woman worker is now here in vastly larger numbers than ever before and she is going to stay, hence, as never in the past, her problems must be attended to and her voice heard in the highest councils of the trade union movement and the Government.

(Next article will appear Monday)

---And Then the Partisans Came: a Story Of Soviet Power in the Byelo Russia Area

(Special to Intercontinental News)

WITH THE PARTISANS IN BYELORUSSIA, May 14.—It was an early spring morning when we finally left the vast Smolensk region behind us and galloped up to the Byelorussian border. Crossing it, we found ourselves in the Partisan district where Soviet power has already been restored in the past few months.

The commander of the Partisan Detachment "D" recalled the first days after the detachment had entered the village. To him, the meeting with the peasants at the time was the most stirring in his life. Within the twinkling of an eye, relates the commander, the village was transformed. Only an hour before it had looked drab and poor, its people dressed in rags and torn bath shoes. There wasn't a crumb of bread nor a drop of milk to be had. No matter how the German soldiers rummaged through everything, they could lay their hands on nothing.

Sidling up to an officer, the village's old inhabitants whispered in his ear that they had an idea the water in the well was poisoned.

And then the Partisans came. What a hearty welcome was accorded them! When the Partisans informed the inhabitants that the Germans would never again set foot here, there was rejoicing in the village. The peasants organized a banquet for the Partisans, treating

them to butter, eggs, milk and cream, all of which had been carefully hidden away from the marauders. "D's" Partisan detachment had been operating behind the enemy lines in Byelorussia for the past nine months.

By Autumn the detachment doubled its forces and already boasted arms and ammunition captured from the enemy. Leaving the forest, the detachment made for the village, dislodging the Germans in a surprise raid. This was the detachment's first move, or less planned and organized operation. The bulk of the German soldiers were wiped out, the rest fled. After occupying the village, the partisans devoted themselves to the affairs of the district and were able to organize them so that they were posted on all events occurring there.

One of the partisans was even given the assignment to become... a policeman. It took him quite some time to win favor in the eyes of the German commandant but finally he was appointed to the post. As he afterward told us, that was the darkest and most bitter day in his life. Soon, however, the "policeman" was in high spirits. Taking advantage of his rights, he found various pretexts for assiduously listing those who served the Germans. Thanks to his "zeal" he gained the confidence of the Germans and soon was even informed of some of the plans of the commander of the German unit. That

is why the encounter between the partisans and the punitive detachments ended so successfully for the partisans. The Germans fell into the trap losing most of their men. Today the "policeman," having carried out his assignment, has returned to his detachment.

In winter the partisans fought more boldly than in summer. They blew up several bridges on the Leningrad-Kiev highway and country roads. A bridge across the highway was blown up under cover of darkness during a raging snowstorm. The operation was brilliantly accomplished. As the trucks were crossing the bridge it suddenly broke into two. Towards morning a large number of cars congested at the spot of the "accident." Soon Soviet aircraft appeared overhead and bombed them out of existence.

From occasional clashes with the enemy, the detachment has now passed over to well-organized engagements operating in small mobile groups which appear as suddenly as they disappear. Recently the detachment has been carrying out big, carefully planned operations to wipe out whole German garrisons. Take their latest operations for instance, in point "N," a big settlement where a garrison of 300 German soldiers was stationed. The partisans broke through to point "N" at night, swooping down in four groups from different directions. The blow was swift and effective.

Point of Order

B. ALAN MAX

READERS' DAY

Point of Order: Why not start a new contest titled "Ten Men Hitler WOULDN'T Hang." Here is my entry:

1. Coughlin.
2. Senator Reynolds.
3. John L. Lewis.
4. Westbrook Pegler.
5. Charles Lindbergh.
6. Norman Thomas.
7. Col. McCormick.
8. Ham Fish.
9. Martin Dies.
10. Senator Coudert.

SUGARMAN.

THE TIME HAS COME

The time has come, the people say,
To win the war this year;
So altogether let's attack—
That's what the Nazis fear.

Herr Hitler stands in mortal dread
Of East and West attack;
And just the thing he doesn't like
Is what he shouldn't lack.

BILL SILVERMAN.

The Nazis are using olive oil in their tanks. But their claims of "annihilating" the Red Army are the same old banana oil.

M. B.

The pro-fascist from Royal Oak, Michigan, is of course the original Coughlin. Gerald L. K. Smith might be known as the Second Coughlin; Edward Lodge Curran, the Third Coughlin. And then there's the whole Fifth Coughlin.

M. WERSHAW, 2nd A. D.

Letters From Our Readers

Attention: Union Men and Women

Ithaca, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The "Unions and the War" series by William Z. Foster is the most valuable set of articles that I have seen in a long time. Labor must act now, and these articles can provide leadership for the whole labor movement in the tasks that it must face. Action along the lines indicated by Foster would win the war—in 1942!

I look forward to seeing these articles in pamphlets and leaflets so that every worker can get their vital message; the trade union movement of America must take the burden of smashing the appeasers and crushing the Axis.

H. K.

For a Boycott of the Labor-Baiting Press

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

A program of education should be instituted among workers, both white and Negro, to make them realize the great disservice they do to themselves when they buy anti-labor newspapers. An anti-labor newspaper is also an anti-Negro newspaper.

How long do you think Pegler's picture would stare at you like a dead fish if every working man and woman boycotted the World-Telegram?

My guess is, not very long. And other papers, too, would reconsider their policy if their papers did not receive the financial support from the very people they so vehemently despise and want to keep down.

A. G. D.

'Our Troop Supports a Western Front Now'—Writes Boy Scout

Youngstown, Ohio.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I read the article in the Sunday Worker of May 10 about the collection of tin cans by groups or clubs of patriotic young Americans who are helping the war effort by doing this work.

The Boy Scout Troop to which I belong are planning to collect tin cans in our town. When we get started other troops will follow.

My fellow Boy Scouts and I have been constant readers of "The Worker." Our ages range from 12 to 18 years of age. We have been so far—so good—very energetic. We have collected paper and books for the soldiers, also helped out in the scrap drive in Mahoning County. We do all this with pleasure because we know we are doing our part in helping to beat the Axis.

Our troop has bought a bond and a half so far. Our Troop supports a Western Front now! I am writing this because I am the scribe for the Troop.

A BOY SCOUT.

Hate Ads—They Have No Place In a Democracy

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Many times I had the desire to express my gratitude for the educational contents as well as the impartial comments on the news in the Daily Worker.

In the May 14 issue I read the story on the hate ads and I read it with a special interest. I was born in the United States, but I lived in Europe for a long time. Two years ago I returned here, confident and hopeful that any remembrance of the sufferings experienced there would be healed and forgotten.

Unfortunately, I've found that here, also, one is faced with religious and racial persecution. Those want ads: "Christian-White" indicate Hitler has friends here and such manifestations of religious and racial hatred must be eliminated. They have no place in a democracy that is fighting Hitler and his stooges.

J. W.

Demagogue a la Hitler

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

In attempting to impress the American people with the importance of freedom of the press and the right to free speech at the present time, Norman Thomas exposes himself as being nothing more than an Axis propagandist—and an enemy of American democracy. He defends seditious periodicals and throws a dagger into the backs of the American people by attacking their ally, the Soviet Union.

Those who are spreading defeatist propaganda at the present time should be put out of business, including Norman Thomas.

S. G.

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CHANGE THE WORLD

A Note on Our American
Inventiveness and Those
Embryo Newspaper Publishers
By MIKE GOLD

IN THE last six months, war or no war, I have had some mighty attractive visions laid before me. One fellow had an invention for protecting American battleships from torpedoes by some sort of underground magnetic umbrella. Other guys had schemes for a game to amuse children during blackouts; elaborate plans for a new currency system that would automatically prevent inflation; blueprints of a new automobile that would burn coal, wood or rags and run on tireless rims; visions of a cooperative city colony that could live on its own vegetables, raised on the roofs and balconies by soilless chemical gardening, etc., etc.

Most of these schemes needed only a few hundred thousand dollars to get started. But I am broke and could not help that way. Nor could I spare the time to hustle the earth-bound finances for these visions. Yet I seem to attract dreamers and promoters, and if I had chosen Mr. Rockefeller for a papa, instead of my own dreamy schemelet of a forebear, I might have had a lot of fun in my time chasing all these American rainbows.

Though one finds a crackpot tinge to many of these schemes, yet every American has some inventiveness and lust for pioneering. It is a strong national trait. In no other country save Russia does the common man display such creativeness. This is a great and original people, and when all the barriers to Yankee genius are dissolved some day, what mass miracles we can expect!

I must admit that the publication schemes are the ones that strike me most, since this is the line in which I am most experienced.

Excited people, young and old, are always rushing me with schemes for mass distribution for new songs, new novels, new comic strips, new phonograph records, new prints, new movies, etc., etc.

The ideas are generally sound. The audience is present in America for a new and brighter mass-culture. We have gone through some enormous changes in the past decade. People are different; they are more progressive. But the technical means of mass-culture are still in the hands of Bourbonism, who never change.

It is, for example, fairly obvious in this war crisis that the American press is far behind the American people and no longer represents them. But what can you do to close up this social gap without some millions and millions of dollars? It always comes back to that same old dirty dollar. Only a millionaire can start a daily newspaper these days. William Allen White did it with a borrowed \$200,000, but, as he pointed out in a notable essay, newspapers are now big business and, as such, can reflect only the interests of the financial oligarchy, not the common man. This explains their curious attitude toward the war, which, to many of them is first a war on the American working people and only incidentally a war against Hitler.

I had an unusual experience the other week, however. I bumped into a young man who wanted to start a newspaper and who actually had the necessary million dollars (or so he mentioned quietly, unboastfully, and I hope, truthfully).

Why does every American think he can run a newspaper? That is another curious national trait. A man bursting with ambition and unused dollars will hesitate long and shrink back modestly before starting a new airplane factory, a new chemical plant or even a new pickle works. They present a world of technical problems which frighten him and are out of his line. But he does know newspapers—he is certain—hasn't he been reading them every day for years?

This young embryo publisher had progressive tendencies. He was burned up by the fact that New York's morning tabloids are both owned by notorious appeasers, Bourbon friends of Hitler.

"They must be busted," he said. "If I could do it, I would be making a major contribution to American victory. Don't you think so?"

"Yes. Decidedly. But how?"

Well, this was his theory. Perhaps half of the circulation of these Nazi-baited tabs is at night, between the hours of eight and midnight, before the other morning papers are on the stands. Their low price is also a factor in their large sales.

Why not get out a tab to compete with them at this hour? A live, progressive, anti-Nazi tab, selling for two cents, 'n make-up closely resembling PM.

In fact, the paper would be called AM—and would undoubtedly be gobbled up by the readers of that paper, thus getting a head start toward mass circulation.

At this point I stopped the young man.

"Listen," I said, "there can't be another PM—just as there can't ever be another N. Y. Times, or World-Telegram, or Daily Worker."

"A paper has to have some spark of individuality. People buy different newspapers because they still believe there is a difference between them. And there is—even if only in their traditional makeup."

"Style is of the essence in a newspaper as in any other product. If you feel you have something new to say, you must find the right and appropriate words with which to say it. Thought needs a language to be born. Style is the technique of communication."

"And so on. I am not arguing with you—I am telling you. If you have advanced no further in your plans for a newspaper than to slavishly copy the style of another newspaper, it means you are not ready with your message."

"Go home. Spend the next six months experimenting with the style of your newspaper. Hire some experts to help you. Talk to your wife about it—women are usually more sensitive about such things, and more human."

"Pick up the day's newspapers, rewrite them in one style, then another and still another. Paste up a hundred different experimental dummies. Show them around. Burn them up and try again."

"In short, find the soul of your new newspaper. Give it a harmony, an angle, a face of its own. This won't be any easy discovery to make. Newspaper and magazine publishers often spend years in research before issuing a new periodical."

"Because you are progressive, you must not expect to evade such research. Your paper will be in competition with publishers who have thought out their problem of style. Your readers are accustomed to newspaper style, and will find you wanting if you don't give it to them."

"But I have pontificated too long. I am being platitudinous, and anyway you are not listening to the voice of man but to the voice of heaven. The divine powers have conferred a cool million upon you and whispered, 'Son, thou art a great if untried newspaper editor. That is thy destiny—now go to it.'"

So the young man started to go. But first he did a strange thing for a millionaire. He borrowed a dollar from me.

FAMILY PORTRAIT



The Edward G. Robinsons hand some defense bonds over to Eddie. Jr. One of the most active war workers in Hollywood, Edward G. is now being seen on the screen in "Larceny, Inc."

Notables Aid
USSR Relief
At Waldorf

Under the co-chairmanship of Gilbert Miller, theatrical producer, and J. Robert Rubin, vice-president of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, the Radio, Film, Theatre, and Arts Division of Russian War Relief will open the fund-raising campaign in its fields with a dinner on Monday, May 18, at 7 P.M. in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

Rubin, who will be chairman of the dinner, urged artists and professional people to support Russian War Relief's present drive for \$5,000,000 for medical and surgical aid for the Russian people.

"Russia is doing a magnificent job in crippling the activities of Hitler," he said. "It is obvious that we must help Russia in every way we can to continue its gallant fight. The best way we can do this as civilians is to render aid to Russian War Relief. Let us do it at once and to the limit."

An elaborate program is planned for the May 18 dinner, which will launch the activities of this Committee. Under the leadership of Norman Corwin, radio writer, the program committee includes Morton Gould, who has done the orchestration and some of the compositions for the presentation; Garson Kanin, who has written a dramatic sketch; Earl Robinson and John LaTouche, authors of "Ballad for Americans"; and Minerva Pious, Jean Muir, Robert Heller, Bret Warren, Victor Ratner and Richard Pack.

Not yet completed, the program includes a musical opening with Paul Robeson and the Lyn Murray Male Chorus; a greeting written by Stephen Vincent Benet; and a number of guest speakers headed by Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, former Minister to Norway, and Sir Gerald Campbell, K.C.M.G., H.B.M., Director-General of the British Information Service.

Among the other speakers are Franklin P. Adams, Clifton Fadiman, John Kieran, and Oscar Levant, all of "Information Please," and Fred Allen, Norman Gould, Raymond Massey, Burgess Meredith, William Ramsey, Vincent Sheean, Lawrence Tibbett, Cat Tinnin, Margaret Webster, and Dr. Lin Yutang.

'Tanya' in Cleveland

The Soviet musical film "Tanya" featuring Lubov Orlova, at the Square Theatre in Cleveland beginning May 16. Also: Stalin's Victory Speech, "Message From Red Square" and "All Slavs Unite."

Meet Amazing Amazon: Great
Granddaddy of Old Man Rivers

AMAZON, MODERN AGE, 271 p. \$3.

By Samuel Putnam

How'd you like to meet the "great-granddaddy of all rhythmic Old Man Rivers"? Well, here's your chance to do that very thing, in the company of a pair of expert, urbane guides, who know their Brazil from ten years hard-working residence there, but who think, talk and react like you and me or the average North American. Add to this two pairs of eyes and ears that let practically nothing get by them, an irrepressible sense of humor and a real feeling for humanity and you have that incorrigible, incredibly industrious duo of globe-trotters, Bob and Rose Brown, and one of the best Latin American travel books of this or a number of seasons.

The past year alone has sufficed to show us what the baleful results may be when a big-hearted lad or lassie of the typewriter-pounding profession becomes suddenly imbued with a passion for Latin America and decides to cash in on the Good Neighbor Policy while the cashing is good. What we may usually expect in such a case is sentimental chirps and twitters, highly "personal"—all too personal!—impression, and a mass of badly digested, hastily dashed up information and misinformation such as scarcely contributes to the furthering of inter-American amity.

Make Living Where They Go

Now, I have no doubt that Rose and Bob expect to make money out of their book. There's no law against it, that I know of. Indeed, that's one of the things I like about the Browns: the fact that, while they would appear to be in perpetual globe-circling motion, they are none the less workers and not wealthy parasites or idlers fond of seeing their name in print. They have usually made their living wherever they went and had a lot of fun out of doing it. Once again they are breaking no statutes; they're just luckier than most of us, that's all.

It is, I think, this workmanlike aspect of their lives which makes the Browns so sympathetic toward the less fortunate and the disinherited of this world, toward the poor, the weak and the oppressed. Read their passing descriptions of the life of the "caboclos," or Amazonian Indians, who still live under the feudal "padrone" system of

AND THIS ABOVE ALL



The beautiful Joan Fontaine is one of the major assets in "This Gun For Hire." Darryl Zanuck's film version of Eric Knight's best-selling war novel. It's at the Astor Theatre now.

Soviet Writers Publish 80
Books on War in 10 Months

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)
MOSCOW, May 15. — During the past ten months, the Soviet Writers Publishing House has published 80 volumes dedicated to the war against Hitlerism.

Front sketches, poems and stories by eminent Soviet poets, writers have been published in an edition of two million copies.

Minnesota Movie Hero

Bruce Smith, famous 1941 All-American halfback, who captained the undefeated Minnesota team last season, has been signed by Columbia to star in a forthcoming football picture titled, "Smith of Minnesota."

He came to Hollywood personally to sign the screen contract and to confer with Paul Franklin who is preparing the story. "Smith of Minnesota" will be largely based on the great player's own colorful career. According to producer Irving Briskin, the picture will be filmed in June. Prompting this early start is the fact that the gridiron star must report for active service with the U. S. Navy.

Convoy Comes Through

Edward Sutherland will direct RKO Radio's "The Navy Comes Through."

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By Samuel Putnam

How'd you like to meet the "great-granddaddy of all rhythmic Old Man Rivers"? Well, here's your chance to do that very thing, in the company of a pair of expert, urbane guides, who know their Brazil from ten years hard-working residence there, but who think, talk and react like you and me or the average North American. Add to this two pairs of eyes and ears that let practically nothing get by them, an irrepressible sense of humor and a real feeling for humanity and you have that incorrigible, incredibly industrious duo of globe-trotters, Bob and Rose Brown, and one of the best Latin American travel books of this or a number of seasons.

The past year alone has sufficed to show us what the baleful results may be when a big-hearted lad or lassie of the typewriter-pounding profession becomes suddenly imbued with a passion for Latin America and decides to cash in on the Good Neighbor Policy while the cashing is good. What we may usually expect in such a case is sentimental chirps and twitters, highly "personal"—all too personal!—impression, and a mass of badly digested, hastily dashed up information and misinformation such as scarcely contributes to the furthering of inter-American amity.

Make Living Where They Go

Now, I have no doubt that Rose and Bob expect to make money out of their book. There's no law against it, that I know of. Indeed, that's one of the things I like about the Browns: the fact that, while they would appear to be in perpetual globe-circling motion, they are none the less workers and not wealthy parasites or idlers fond of seeing their name in print. They have usually made their living wherever they went and had a lot of fun out of doing it. Once again they are breaking no statutes; they're just luckier than most of us, that's all.

It is, I think, this workmanlike aspect of their lives which makes the Browns so sympathetic toward the less fortunate and the disinherited of this world, toward the poor, the weak and the oppressed. Read their passing descriptions of the life of the "caboclos," or Amazonian Indians, who still live under the feudal "padrone" system of



—Is where servicemen are finding Ann Sheridan these days. Unofficially, at least, she has been elected "The girl servicemen most like to talk to on the phone." To date 28 calls from all parts of the USA have reached her. Her new film, "Wings of the Eagle," is Warner's latest war story.

'This Gun
For Hire'
Is Thriller

THIS GUN FOR HIRE, a Paramount release of Richard Blumenthal production. Screenplay by Albert Maltz and W. R. Burnett from story by Graham Greene. Camera, John Seitz, directed by Frank Tuttle. At the Paramount.

By Milton Meltzer

The war hasn't put an end to the bang-bang crime pictures. Guns are being used by millions of decent men against the fascists but the movies still prefer to show the guns in the hands of men who kill for money. Only now the gangster killers are hyped with anti-Fascist spirit and when the gun goes off an Axis agent usually absorbs the bullet.

It was that way with Warner's recent "All Through the Night" and it's that way with Paramount's new "This Gun for Hire." Albert Maltz and W. R. Burnett have fashioned a tense melodrama out of Graham Greene's crime story and brought it up to the headlines with Axis intrigue. As directed by Frank Tuttle and played by young Alan Ladd it makes one of the best thrillers to come along this year.

Superb Job
Of Film Direction

It's the story of a professional killer hired to do a job on the employ of a chemical plant who is blackmailing his boss with the threat of disclosing the company's fifth column activities to a Senate investigating committee. He gets his man but is paid off in hot money that is meant to bring the cops down on him and shut his mouth. Tracked by the police, he is at the same time hunting his double-crosser.

The two-way pursuit is a brilliant job of film direction. The chase goes in and out of a cheap boarding house, a swanky Hollywood home, a night train, a supper club, business offices, a gas works and a railroad yard. The last two settings are cleverly used for their contrasts in tiny human figures standing against towering tanks, fleeing across long railroad trestles, flickering in and out of roving searchlights and darting across masses of tracks.

As in all too many pictures the war series superficially tie to the plot together. The police get their killer but not before he has nobly squeezed a confession out of the chemical boss who has been selling secret formulas to the Japanese.

Alan Ladd's handling of the murderer is in the key Bopart manner and very effective. Laird Cregar, Tully Marshall and Veronica Lake do well with the other major parts. The script is sparing of dialogue and very sensitive to the rich possibilities of the camera. It's a movie you're sure to enjoy.

Carmen Amaya in Final
Carnegie Recital Sunday

Carmen Amaya will make her final appearance of the season at Carnegie Hall Sunday evening when S. Hurok presents her and her kypsy troupe of dancers and musicians in a program featuring several numbers never performed in New York before.

Amaya has added another song and dance entitled "Tango de la Abuela," for which the guitar accompaniment will be played by Papa Amaya and brother Paco. Another new dance solo by Amaya will be "Legenda" to the fiery kypsy music of Albéniz. There are also two new trios: "Valenciana," danced by Carmen and her sisters Antonia and Leonor and "Enamorado," performed by Carmen and Antonia Amaya and Antonio Triana, the featured male soloist.

Besides the artists already named, guitarist Sabicas and dancer Lola Montes will participate in the evening's activities.

'High Border Country'
Next Folkways Book

Eric Thane's "High Border Country" is sixth of the American Folkways books edited by Erskine Caldwell. "High Border Country" will be published by Duell, Sloan and Pearce on May 21st. This land including the high plains country of Montana and Wyoming, the panhandle of Idaho, the Dakotas, the Continental Divide is famous for its part in the opening of the West.

Gunther Inside
Hollywood

John Gunther, war correspondent and author of "Inside Europe," "Inside Asia" and "Inside Latin America," has been signed by Twentieth Century-Fox to write the screenplay for a film based on the United States Army Signal Corps.

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Writers and Educators
Discuss Wartime Books

By Edith Anderson
The newly formed Council on Books in Wartime, a publishers' group, ran a two-evening discussion Tuesday and Wednesday whose praiseworthy purpose was to stimulate the writing of good war books. Both sessions tightly packed the New York Times Hall with publishers, writers, educators and librarians, proving that New York's literary scene is aware of democracy's cultural demands and eager to fulfill them.

Such a discussion, might, therefore, have been an incentive to win-the-war writing. But this one wasn't, and it's important to understand why.

Graceful Speeches—
But No Militancy

On Tuesday night the meeting fairly creaked under the ponderous weight of its distinguished speakers—Assistant Secretary of State A. A. Berle, Harvard President James Bryant Conant, and Anne O'Hare McCormick of the New York Times, with Arthur Hays Sulzberger as chairman. Their gracefully written speeches lacked the most important essential—a militant position on what it will take to win this war.

A. A. Berle said of books, "If these war years have anything to say to our people, here is the rostrum and this is the time." But what are these books to say, according to Mr. Berle? Here he became mystical and asked for books that "assert that there is an infinite plan which is ultimately kind. We must believe in this or face chaos." A sad, desperate viewpoint! He also quoted Aeschylus—Prometheus' reply to Zeus, as a parallel to our reply to Hitler: "Yet this sentence shall not doom this deathless self to die." Beautiful, but not exactly "fighting words" when winning the war depends on our quickly and aggressively beating the hell out of Hitler.

Wednesday night was much better all around. Instead of formal speeches there was a panel discussion. Eight writers had 10 minutes apiece to tell what they thought about books in wartime, and then Clifton Fadiman, the chairman, asked some interesting and important questions which they answered informally.

Eric Knight, author of "This Above All," said in reply to John Kieran's slighting remarks about the reading intelligence of "the man in the subway": "The best-selling book in England today is Tolstoy's 'War and Peace.' In wartime there is a great cultural hunger for books. What we need here is more cheap books of the kind published in England—the 6-penny Pelican and Penguin books, all good. In England publishers aren't wondering if they can get a large enough audience for good books. Their problem is to get enough paper to print them on."

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On The Score Board

Touching On
Several
Sport Topics

By Lester Rodney

The Daily News has gotten so accustomed to stirring up invisible agitation on such subjects as "fear" of our Soviet Allies, or "protests by the people" against rationing, that it is now doing the same kind of thing on the much less vital subject of baseball.

The other day the News ran a column purporting to quote the four ex-Dodgers on the Pittsburgh Pirates as being bitterly vindictive against their ex-mates. Nobody was more surprised at the appearance of the story than the four Pirates—Coccarri, Phelps, Hamlin and Waddell. For although the office of the News is just two blocks from the hotel the Pirates are staying in, not one of the players quoted had seen, let alone talked to the News columnist. And don't mind saying so in the least.

The question of the exact feelings of the four players towards the Dodgers is not the most important subject in the world, not even the limited baseball world. But the incident is certainly illuminating as to the manner in which the News "gets" provocative stories.

Damon Runyon turned out a fine column last week on the many Jewish soldiers in our army who have already distinguished themselves in action. It was re-run, I understand, by the "Freiheit," progressive Jewish daily. Articles like that from an ex-sports writer, coupled with the consistently good stuff turned out by Quent Reynolds, more than make up to the current sports scribes for the stigma of Westbrook Pegler. Haywood Brown wasn't bad either.

Max Schmeling is fighting Adolph Ruesser in occupied Paris for the "Championship of Europe." Schmeling was credited with having taken part in the fighting at Crete. We notice, however, that he doesn't seem to have any appetite for the fighting on the Russian front, preferring to meet a picked Nazi opponent in a ring surrounded by the Gestapo far away from Kharkov. Max had better get out of town in a hurry after the Ruesser "fight," as he's likely to be caught in a real fight with advancing British and American troops from the other side.

And we understand that the first French patriot at this "championship" fight to whisper the words "Joe Louis" will be shot on the spot as a terrorist.

The bill signed this week by Governor Lehman hitting at discrimination in sports in New York state is certainly welcome as far as it goes, but it only goes as far as a few golf and tennis club tournaments and events calling themselves "state championship." No bill on discrimination in sports that ignores baseball, the national pastime, can be called anything but badly incomplete. This is the time to smash Jim Crow in the big leagues, and not skirt around the issue with a few minor concessions.

And while we're on the subject, tomorrow presents the first chance to some of the fine Negro players who have been called ready for the big leagues by managers, players, fans, writers, and in fact everyone but Judge Landis and a few mag-nates. The Negro League double header takes place at the Yankee Stadium.

McQuinn NOT To Be Traded

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 15 (UP)—George McQuinn is going to keep his feet on first base right here with the St. Louis Browns this summer and he isn't going to the New York Yankees, the Boston Red Sox or the Pundunk Panthers. Bill De Witt, general manager of the Browns said today in denying what he described as "baseball's most tiresome rumor."

McQuinn, De Witt said, has been traded by baseball's crystal gazer more than a block of Bethlehem steel gets hounded around at the New York stock exchange. Yet summer after summer, McQuinn and his butterfly net fielding mitt continue to hold down first base for the Browns and it appears that there will be no change this year. "Just because we try to strengthen our club a little by adding Babe Dahlgren, a fine fielder and utility man, then the boys begin to speculate about McQuinn again," De Witt said.

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DODGERS TRIM BUGS, GIANTS BEAT REDS

Joe Louis, the Army's 'Greatest Influence,' To Make Exhibition Tour of Service Camps

By NAT LOW

A few months ago, Col. Howard Gilbert of Fort Dix declared: "Joe Louis is the greatest influence any Army camp ever had."

The great Negro heavyweight champion of the world had been in the Army but a short time but had already won the esteem and respect of thousands of soldiers, Negro and white alike.

Joe has risen rapidly as a great figure and his value has been recognized by the Government.

Yesterday the Army's Special Service Division of the 2nd Corps Area announced that Louis is going on an exhibition tour arranged by Col. H. Clay Suplee.

It will be a tour of the military camps and forts in this area. Joe opens next week at Fort Monmouth and Fort Dix in what promises to be the most popular morale feature the camps have ever had.

From Joe Louis to the Jewish Conference for Russian War Relief:

A very large contribution plus the message:

"Anything you do for the Jewish people is good for me and my people."

The itinerary will include shows at Mitchel Field and Camp Upton. Only soldiers will be admitted to see the champion in action against a sparring partner.

Besides this morale tour, which Joe eagerly accepted, the great heavyweight will also coach the boxing team at Camp Upton in preparation for a tournament with boxers at Mitchel Field.

The demand among the soldiers for a glimpse of Joe has been so great that the morale officers of the area were compelled to arrange the tour although Joe himself had never asked for anything but the ordinary soldier's lot.

It is expected that tens of thousands of soldiers will see and cheer the anti-fascist champion before the tour is ended.

End Jim Crow in Big Leagues--Write To Judge Landis!

333 N. Michigan Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Marshall Hits 2, Ott 1 In 13-5 Rout

Each Gets 4 Hits, Drive in 10 of Runs Against Reds at Polo Grounds

The Giants went on another hitting spree yesterday at the Polo Grounds when they bashed the Cincinnati Reds to the sweet tune of 13-5 as young Willard Marshall and Mel Ott got four hits apiece and batted in 10 of the Giants' 13 tallies.

Marshall, showing no let-up in his batting drive, poled two long homers, his fifth and sixth of the season and added two singles to drive in six runs.

Ott got a homer and three singles to complete the rout of the "pittsburgh" Reds.

The Giants scored three in the first when Bartell and Jurgens walked and Marshall poled his first homer into the right field stands.

The Reds scored once in the third off Hal Schumacher who was knocked out in the fifth. The run was the result of a homer by Mike McCormick.

In the fourth the Reds went ahead 4-3 when they tallied twice more on four singles. The Giants tied it right up in their half when Marshall hit his second homer into right.

In the fifth the Reds went ahead again when they pushed across a run on two hits and two forces.

But the Otters came right back with four runs in their half and were never headed after that. Bartell singled, Jurgens walked and Ott singled to fill the bases. Here Derringer took over on the mound in place of Ray Starr. Mike greeted him for a single that scores Bartell and Jurgens. Marshall singled scoring Ott, and then Lieber drove a long fly to center scoring Mike.

Bob Carpenter held the weak-hitting Reds scoreless the rest of the way.

In the sixth the Reds used an 18-year-old kid from a Los Angeles high school named Blackwell. The Giants didn't help the kid's debut at all. They hit him for three runs.

'Mrs. Gehrig' Makes Up



Teresa Wright, who plays the part of Mrs. Lou Gehrig in the eagerly awaited film "Pride of the Yankees," is shown making up for the role. Ball players have said the picture, starring Gary Cooper, is a homey. Miss Wright will be remembered for her part as Betty Davis' daughter in "The Little Foxes." She likes this role. The real Mrs. Lou Gehrig is currently driving an ambulance.

Reiser Back To Class 3A

(By United Press)

Pete Reiser, the Brooklyn Dodgers' National League batting champion, who recently was reclassified 1-A, has been placed back in the 3-A class by the Washington Appeal Board, his local selective service board announced yesterday.

"The Appeal Board in Washington has notified us that the appeal in Reiser's case has been granted and he has been placed in class 3-A again," Frank T. Kellher, chairman of Selective Service Board No. 133, Brooklyn, said.

In the sixth and seventh, two of the runs coming in as a result of Ott's homer with Jurgens on board.

NOTES

Attendance was 7,337, including ladies. Bill McKeehan was kicked out of the game in the fifth when he went to the mound to speak to the distressed Starr while Paul Derringer was tossing some last few pitches in the bull-pen prior to going onto the mound. Tom Dunn told the Red manager to stop talking to Starr and when he refused Dunn waved him out.

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Short Shots

When in the spring we picked the Dodgers to win the pennant we didn't expect them to do it as rapidly as they are doing it.

But isn't it clear by now that the Bums are easily the class of the league?

Their convincing job on the Pirates, who came in touted as the hottest team in the league, should make even die-hard Giant fans see the light.

The Dodgers have too much of everything. Hitting, pitching and reserves.

They'll win by 10-15 games easy, now that Whit Wyatt is back in form. When Higbe starts moving it will become a walk-away.

LIEUT. HANK SOON

Hank Greenberg, the ex-Tiger slugging star, has enrolled in Officer's Training in the Army Air Corps and may soon become Lieut. Greenberg. Hank is now a sergeant and has been called by his officers, "A first rate soldier."

HELP WANTED: PITCHERS

Down in the West Texas-New Mexico League, little experience necessary. Requirements: ability to go nine innings without giving up more than ten runs.
Easy, eh? Not to the pitchers of this league. Yesterday Lamesa

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MARKET ANALYSIS of the week's news by A. B. Magil, editor New Masses. School, May 17th, 8:30 P.M. Workers School, 10 East 12th St. Adm. 25c.

PROFESSOR H. W. L. DANA, illustrated lecture on "The Soviet Union in World Affairs." Recordings of Mordcahai Bauman to be followed by Social and Square Dancing. Refreshments. Subscription 50c. 13 Astor Pl. Aup. School for Democracy, 1:30 P.M.

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SCORES

AMERICAN LEAGUE
New York at Detroit, postponed.
Philadelphia at Chicago, postponed.
Boston at St. Louis, postponed.
Washington at Cleveland, postponed.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Cincinnati ... 101 219 000 - 5 13 3
New York ... 300 141 220 - 13 13 3

Starr, Derringer (5), Blackwell (6), Turner (7), and Lamanne; Schumacher, Carpenter (5), and Danning.

St. Louis ... 000 002 000 - 2 5 1
Philadelphia ... 000 00 021 - 3 12 3

Gumbert, Beasley (8), and Oden; Javery and Klutz.

Chicago ... 001 001 000 - 2 5 0
Philadelphia ... 000 001 000 - 1 9 2

Passeau and McCullough; Hughes and Livingston.

Pittsburgh ... 000 000 030 - 3 8 0
Brooklyn ... 103 004 000 - 8 11 0

Swell, Gornicki (6), Jungels (8) and Phelps; Wyatt and Owen.

Jumped on four Lubbock hurlers for 23 hits and 27 runs to win 27-4. It was the third time this week that a winning team in the league has scored more than 20 runs.

"The Bums" from Brooklyn have a baby brother down South.

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Dodgers 4 1/2 Ahead of Pirates After 2nd Straight Win; 6 1/2 Ahead of 'Favored' Cardinals

The Brooklyn Dodgers, beginning to resemble the Yanks of the National League as they threaten to break the race open, hung another crushing defeat on their closest competitor, the Pittsburgh Pirates, yesterday at Ebbets Field by the score of 8-3 to go four and a half games ahead.

Whit Wyatt, with all his speed and stuff back, breezed through, allowing three runs in the eighth from the safety of an eight run lead.

The Ladies Day crowd saw Pete Reiser, back on top of the National League in hitting, smash out three straight doubles to lead the assault on Truett Sewell. Arky Vaughan, who has suddenly found his batting eye, rapped out a trio of safeties.

After Pete Coccarri had hit Wyatt's first serve for a double, clear the tracks for the Dodger express!

The Dodgers tallied one in the first due to Reiser's first two bagger, and three in the third. Another Reiser double, a flock of walks and Medwick's hit with the bases full was the way and therefore. Four more in the sixth clinched matters as Reiser doubled two runs home in an inning that saw Owen and Vaughan single, Wyatt double and Reese and Reiser each steal third base.

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